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BASED ON PROPOSED \$30.1M PSS BUDGET

NMI per-child cost will be \$2,600—lowest in the US

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The proposed CNMI budget for education of only \$30.1 million in Fiscal Year 2011 translates to a per-child cost of about \$2,600—an amount considered among the lowest in the nation, according to Public School System officials.

PSS has an enrollment of nearly 11,000 in 20 public schools and about 2,400 in private schools. To get the per-child cost, PSS divides the total budget amount by the total enrollees in both private and public schools.

Compared to other Pacific islands and neighboring Guam, CNMI-PSS will be on the bottom list of school districts receiving small local funding support from its government, said PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh.

Guam, for example, allocates \$5,600 per-child cost using local funds.

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LAS VEGAS NIGHT WINNERS

Rotary Club of Saipan president Kim Forrester, left, and other Rotarians pose with the winners of the March 27 Las Vegas Night raffle drawing, including the grand prize winner of \$10,000—APEX Remittance Center—represented by Jilene Brillo, second from left, during yesterday's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Garapan. Las Vegas Night is the Rotary Club of Saipan's signature annual fundraiser.

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Delegate slams administration decisions on marine monument

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) gestures as he addresses members and guests of the Rotary Club of Saipan at the Hyatt Regency in Garapan yesterday.

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been "discussions" in the U.S. Senate on giving permanent immigration status to foreign workers in the CNMI with U.S. citizen children, CNMI permanent residents, and immediate relatives of U.S. and Freely Associated States citizens.

He also expressed disappointment over decisions made by the Fitial administration related to the Marianas Trench Marine

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Lawsuit filed on behalf of Chamorros, Carolinians

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Local

Kilili: Exempt PSS from austerity measure

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said yesterday that the Public School System must be exempted from the House austerity bill that is now in the Senate, citing the loss of \$16 million that PSS is supposed to receive if the measure—as currently drafted—is enacted into law.

House Bill 17-45 passed the House on March 25. The Senate will be holding public hearings on the bill on Tinian, Rota and Saipan this week and next week.

Sablan, the guest speaker in yesterday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency, said it "does not make sense" that the bill seeks to save over \$4 million when it would mean an immediate \$16 million loss to PSS.

The austerity bill will cut government work hours from the regular 80 to 70 hours per pay period.

"I'd like to stop it because we are going to lose \$16 million immediately upon its passage, money that's supposed to go to education," Sablan told reporters after the Rotary Club meeting.

He said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed what is called a "maintenance of effort agreement," which requires that local money going to education—

both for PSS and Northern Marianas College—"should not be less than 26.689 percent" of the state budget.

"It [austerity bill] violates that agreement. ...Once it violates that agreement, we will lose that \$16 million immediately... and we have to return some of the money we got already and then it may jeopardize other federal money that's going to education... if it's passed in its present form," Sablan said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the Fitial administration is firm in its stance to implement cost-cutting measures across the board in view of the CNMI's drastically reduced resources.

"With all due respect to education, the Commonwealth has reached a very disastrous level in terms of cash flow. As for the argument that funds will be jeopardized because of the MOE, the administration believes that there are options that should be explored to prevent it from happening," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said other states like Hawaii have implemented furlough methods that include their public schools and judiciary and they have managed to maintain their federal funds even after being subjected to austerity measures.

"It has been done and it has been proven. The appropriate thing to do now is for our lead-

ers and the community to come together and recognize the reality of the Commonwealth's financial difficulty. We recognize that austerity measures will impact everyone, but unfortunately, the Commonwealth has been subjected to many external factors over the years that continue to hurt our financial resources. Therefore, we must continue to make necessary adjustments to keep operations afloat in an effort to continue delivering essential services to the public," Demapan said.

Sablan, meanwhile, said he has been working with CNMI senators for a proposed language in the bill that would prevent the loss of money for PSS.

He said the language basically exempts PSS from the austerity measure, proposed by House Ways and Means Committee chair Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan).

The 'education' delegate

Sablan told Rotary Club members about the efforts he has made and the successes achieved as a result of these efforts aimed at improving the education of CNMI children.

He talked about the more than \$36 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for PSS and NMC.

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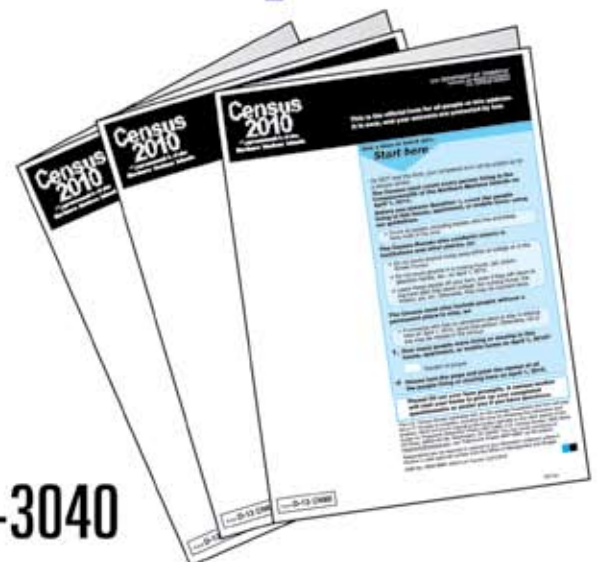


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Japanese lawmakers delay Tinian visit for base relocation talks

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz said yesterday that the Thursday arrival of a Japanese mayor and two lawmakers has been moved to Saturday and Sunday.

Social Democratic Party lawmaker Kantoku Teruya, who chairs the Okinawa Base Affairs, and Okinawa Prefectural Assembly Speaker Zenshin Takamine, will be visiting Tinian as part of SDP's ongoing push to relocate thousands of troops from the U.S. Marine Corps Station Futenma in Okinawa to an outside location, including Tinian in the CNMI.

"Mr. Teruya was born on Tinian," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

Dela Cruz said the two lawmakers will be accompanied by the mayor of the town where the Futenma base is located, along with two other individuals. The U.S. Marine Corps Station Futenma is located in Ginowan in Okinawa, Japan. The current mayor is Yoichi Iha.

"It's still a mystery to us why they want to come here, but we're thinking it's because of plans to relocate troops from Futenma to Tinian," said Dela Cruz, who said that Tinian has waited for over 30 years for economic benefits from military movement.

Two-thirds of land on Tinian is leased to the U.S. military.

Dela Cruz said he and members of the Tinian Legislative Del-

egation and the Tinian Municipal Council will be meeting with the Japanese officials on Sunday.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has repeatedly said that the U.S. territory of the CNMI welcomes such relocation consideration "only if such plan is supported and approved by the U.S. federal government and the Department of Defense."

Japan and the U.S. are deadlocked on where to relocate the Futenma base. The U.S. wants to move the base to the northern part of Okinawa in the Nago areas, while those from Okinawa want the base off their island completely.

Japanese officials have been visiting both Guam and the CNMI for talks related to the relocation of U.S. military personnel from Japan to the Marianas. Some of them said they may recommend the relocation of 2,000 to 4,000 U.S. troops from the aviation units at Futenma to Tinian in the CNMI.

Up to 4,000 soldiers being considered for relocation to Tinian is in addition to the estimated 8,000 Marines and their 9,000 dependents who are expected to be relocated by 2014. Guam Gov. Felix P. Camacho had asked for the military buildup to be delayed until after 2014.



Dela Cruz

Judge dismisses pleading of suspect in forged bond case

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A motion for the appointment of a trustee filed by the suspect in the forged \$200 million Treasury bond case was dismissed after the judge found the pleading irrelevant to the case.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David A. Wiseman said that Kent Sebastian Robinson's demand is not appropriate or relevant to a criminal action.

"The court is unable to decipher the legal basis for the pleading. The case before the court is criminal in nature and not civil," he said.

The judge said the charges are brought against Robinson, not a trust, and the appointment of a trustee is without merit and lacks an arguable basis in either law or fact.

"The only parties to this action are the United States of America and Kent S. Robinson. Defendant's attempt to appoint [or fire] a trustee are denied," he said.

In dismissing the pleading, Wiseman told Robinson that he is free to file any motions or pleadings in this matter that are

appropriate to a criminal action.

"However, defendant is hereby on notice that prior to filing any pleadings, he is required to make a good faith effort to ensure that they are appropriate and relevant to the matter before the court," the judge said.

In the last hearing on Thursday, Wiseman warned Robinson that he would be held in contempt of court if he continues to be combative.

At his arraignment, the 43-year-old Robinson refused to plead one way or the other. He reiterated his position that he wishes to represent himself and that he has already fired his court-appointed counsel, Timothy Belas. He also refused to rise when the hearing was opened.

Wiseman set the jury trial for May 17 at 9am.

Robinson was arrested in the District of Columbia and brought to Saipan. The indictment alleged that Robinson made a counterfeited and forged Secured Funding and Offset Bond with a declared value of \$200 million. It was paid to the order of Oceania Insurance Corp., a company that does business in the CNMI.



Wiseman

The CNMI looks to economic benefits associated with the relocation of troops, but has raised concerns on the socio-economic impacts of such a Guam-CNMI military buildup.

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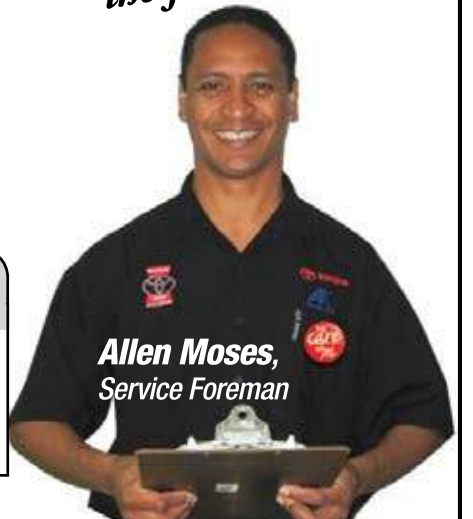
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2 bills call for public comments

The Senate Committee on Health and Welfare has issued a call for public comments on Senate Bills 17-10, SS1 and 17-11. Comments may be submitted in writing no later than Friday, April 9, 2010 to the Office of Senator Ralph Torres, Chair of the Senate HW Committee.

Senate Bill 17-10, SS1 would authorize the creation of a population-based cancer registry for the CNMI. The CNMI is one of the last jurisdictions in the United States that has yet to develop a formal cancer registry. A standardized cancer registry would enable public health officials to effectively record and track cancer data, identify and monitor cancer trends, and improve the coordination and delivery of healthcare services in the CNMI.

Senate Bill 17-11 would recognize

the right of adults to make decisions regarding the rendering of their own medical care, including the decision to have life-sustaining treatment withdrawn or withheld in the event of a terminal or permanent unconscious condition.

Copies of the bills can be found online at:

<http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp/resources/files/SB17-10SS1.pdf> (Cancer Registry Act)

<http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp/resources/files/SB17-11.pdf> (Medical Consent Act)

Submissions will be accepted either through hand delivery at the CNMI Legislature on Capitol Hill, by email at senatortorres@gmail.com, or through direct mail at CNMI Legislature, PO Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950. **(Walter J. Sutherland)**

NMI

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Even the public school system in the U.S. Virgin Islands currently has a per-child cost of \$11,000, Thornburgh pointed out.

Per child cost for these areas are even higher if the federal funds they receive are factored into the equation.

Thornburgh said that if PSS continues to get a lower share in the local budget, this will further drop the per-child cost provided to public school students every year.

In school year 2007, the CNMI's per-child cost was already among the lowest among U.S. states and territories, with barely \$5,000 being spent per student using both local and federal monies. The average national per-child cost during the time was at \$9,400. The local budget then for PSS

was \$36.7 million.

Education officials admitted that PSS cannot do anything to increase the per-child cost until the system receives a higher budget.

In 1992, at a time when PSS had just 7,086 students, the per-child cost was at \$5,816, using both local and federal funds. The amount was reduced to \$4,916 in 1996 as a result of lower local appropriation.

While federal monies consistently went up almost every year, the local budget for education continued to decline.

According to BOE chair Lucy Blanco-Maratita, local appropriation for public education was reduced by a third from the \$43 million received back in 1996 and 1997 to the \$30 million allocated this year.

In the same period, she said, PSS has built five new schools and added over 3,000 students.

"Yet each year, PSS gets budget cuts," she said.

This year's budget is lower by \$4.6 million compared to last fiscal year.

Blanco-Maratita expressed dismay over governor's recent pronouncements that it is "nonsense to allocate more money to PSS."

"These are the children, the students who will one day be our leaders. We owe it to them and to ourselves to ensure that we have an educated population. The success of the CNMI depends on how well we prepare the students for adulthood. So, it is not nonsense to adequately fund education. On the contrary it makes perfect sense," Blanco-Maratita said.

She disclosed that PSS treats its federal grants as an investment in public education that has enabled PSS to offset the continued reduction in local funding, while still providing quality education.

She stressed that education officials attended the last two

public hearings on the austerity bill to air their concerns because they believe that education should be a priority.

She said PSS does not rush to the Legislature and the governor at every threat of a budget cut. On the contrary, the board and PSS have written letters and e-mails to leaders, and set meetings with them.

"We understand that, for example, the Legislature has a lot on their plate, that they have several 'priorities' to contend with and that they are not in the 'trenches of education' as PSS staffs are. So, we have gone to them to bring this information so they, too, understand what they must provide in order for our kids to have the best education they deserve. It is within our responsibility to do this; we are elected by the people and must deliver what is mandated by the Constitution," Blanco-Maratita told *Saipan Tribune*.

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National Monument, including using a \$220,000 federal grant for a visitors center on Navy Hill away from the ocean, and without conducting a public hearing or meeting with stakeholders.

Sablan was the guest speaker in yesterday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting where he talked about efforts to further improve CNMI education.

During the question-and-answer session, Sablan was asked about updates on federalization and the marine monument visitors center.

When asked for clarification later, Sablan said "there are discussions going that way," referring to a proposal to grant "long-term permanent residency" status to certain groups of individuals, including foreign workers with U.S. citizen children in the CNMI,

those with U.S. and FAS citizen spouses and immediate relatives, and CNMI permanent residents.

"I think it's going to move in the U.S. Senate. ... They came to me for information. I'm working with them. It took us six months, it took a lot of work," Sablan said.

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said yesterday that this is "good news" to all those who will be impacted.

"We have asked for this, a long time ago. We asked Mr. Kilili, the Homeland Security secretary about it. We also asked Mr. Kilili to add those foreign workers who have been in the CNMI for a long time, those who have been here for at least five years. These people deserve improved immigration status, or a pathway to U.S. citizenship," Syed told *Saipan Tribune*.

Syed said the workers group is also looking forward to the U.S. Department of the Inte-

rior's recommendation to the U.S. Congress on the status of foreign workers in the CNMI.

Sablan said there's got to be a way to provide long-term immigration status for certain groups in the CNMI.

"Right now you can't give green cards to anybody. Immigration is a hot issue; it's probably a hotter issue than health care. And so you've got to find a way where you could provide a long-term status for people here. They would not be green card holders, they will be LPR, that's what I understand," he said.

U.S. Public Law 110-229, the federalization law, requires the Interior secretary, in consultation with the Homeland Security secretary and the CNMI governor, to recommend to the U.S. Congress—as the Interior secretary deems appropriate—a permanent immigration status for guest workers legally residing in the CNMI, by May 10, 2010.

Sablan said the U.S. Government Accountability Office will also be releasing a report soon on the federalization of the CNMI, and how local agencies deal with federal agencies such as Homeland Security and its component agencies.

He said the courts may also end up resolving issues on federalization and authority over nonresident workers but, in his opinion, the local government may lose out on this issue.

Sablan urged the CNMI government to work cooperatively with the federal government.

Marine monument

Sablan's bill to put up the visitors center in the CNMI instead of Guam is still with the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife chaired by Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo, who wants the center to be built in Guam.

"I think it's unfair," Sablan

told Rotary Club members and guests, referring to a proposal to put the visitors center in Guam rather than CNMI, whose three northernmost islands are part of the monument.

He said CNMI Land and Natural Resources Secretary Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz shot down his proposal to use a \$50,000 grant from NOAA to promote the 50th anniversary of the exploration of the Mariana Trench, which would have given the CNMI the needed exposure. Sablan said he worked to secure the NOAA grant.

Dela Cruz did not return call for comment as of press time.

"This is something we need, to start highlighting the uniqueness of our islands and our ocean and also it's a great way to promote the marine monument. He doesn't think it's a good enough idea," he said.

Sablan said another \$220,000 in federal grant could be used for scoping the monument visi-

tors center by conducting public hearing as to where the public wants to see the visitors center. The Rota Legislative Delegation, for example, wants the visitors center on Rota.

"But instead, they're going to put it up on Navy Hill. I don't see any ocean out there," he said, adding that he's hoping a visitors center should be placed near the ocean.

He said no public hearing has been made on the matter.

"I was hoping that they do public hearings and talk to people, get different opinions. Some people have great ideas on how to approach this. But one person made up his mind. It's going to be on Navy Hill. No public input. That's his decision," he said, referring to Dela Cruz.

He added, "I just make the money available, how they use it, and whether they use it badly, which I think in this case they're using it very badly, that's how it is."

LAWSUIT

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ernment over federalization and treatment of Chamorros and Carolinians.

Dr. Paul Risenhoover of Rob-in Hood International Human Rights Legal Defense Fund filed the over 200-page suit on behalf of the National Chamorro Association of the Mariana Islands, said the association's president, Glenn H. Manglona.

The Legal Defense Fund also filed a draft pleading with the International Court of Justice on behalf of the "native Chamorro and Carolinian Indian nationals

and Formosans," concerning the U.S. and Japan's violations of duties and responsibilities to protect Chamorros and Carolinians under a Treaty of Peace between the two countries.

"What this lawsuit tries to accomplish is to invoke Chamorro and Carolinian rights as tribal people. We have certain rights that are not being provided by the U.S. government... In a nutshell, we can make the Covenant better. It's not perfect but we can make it better for us," said Manglona.

The Legal Defense Fund said that while U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Judge Paul L. Friedman has upheld the U.S. Citizenship and

Immigration Service's issuance of the rules to be acceptable to the statutory and Covenant authority of Congress, he has not ruled on whether the Constitution gives Congress the authority to enter into the Covenant.

Friedman was the judge who handled the federalization lawsuit filed by the CNMI government against the U.S. government over federalization.

The CNMI immigration came under federal control on Nov. 28, 2009 pursuant to U.S. Public Law 110-229 or the Consolidated Natural Resources Act.

The Legal Defense Fund also said that neither the CNMI nor any foreign workers challenged

the federalization law as a 5th or 14th amendment takings for which the U.S. must compensate the CNMI or employers or individual overseas foreign workers, or other aliens or denizens in the CNMI.

"Judge Friedman did state the U.S. could not just deport the foreigners in the CNMI, without incurring constitutional consequences: 'But, as the United States recognizes, it would be rather harsh to secure the CNMI's borders by expelling these individuals immediately,'" the Legal Defense Fund said.

It said under *Holy Trinity Rector v US, Truax v Raich*, foreign workers have constitu-

tional rights to their contracts to work in a territory appurtenant to the U.S.

"Taking these rights by the CNMI is compensable under the 5th and 14th amendments. Individual employers and workers will have rights to sue, indeed under Friedman's decision, their rights to sue are already ripe because of the human resource planning requirements of normal businesses and economies," it said.

The Commonwealth Health Center and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., for example, may not have local workers available and trained, nor foreign workers eligible to

comply with the arduous certification under the INA for foreign medical and healthcare work in the CNMI.

"So the CNRA constitutes deprivation of the right to life of the CNMI peoples, because people needing heart surgery or dialysis will not be able to have their needs for care met in the CNMI because of the CNRA. The CNRA as applied therefore can easily be shown to be unconstitutional in the CNMI, as well as violating the rights of health of the native islanders under the Covenant, Constitution, UN Charter, natural law and right, treaties, etcetera," it added.

KILILI

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"I believe the same share of funding going to education in the States should go directly to education here in the Marianas, not be diverted to the discretion of the governor. So, PSS and NMC did get [their] full share of the money over \$36 million—the same percentage as in the States. And today that money is paying for teachers, and for school reno-

vations and for laptops and other learning tools our kids need to be ready for this 21st century, global economy," Sablan told Rotary Club members and guests.

The delegate also talked about the benefits to the CNMI of the Serve America Act, the PSS AmeriCorps, the health care reform/education reform, and the No Child Left Behind Act.

Sablan has also been working to ensure that the CNMI receive state-like treatment under Title I, and be included in the Race to the Top and

the Invest in Innovation programs.

He has also proposed a new program to attract and retain teachers in remote areas of the country like the CNMI. The program provides incentives similar to those that bring doctors to remote areas, student loan forgiveness, help with relocation costs, and more opportunities to continuing education and earn advanced degrees both for new and current teachers working in the CNMI.

Sablan said he will be going to New York City for the first

time to watch the Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray band perform in Carnegie Hall.

"We have a gold mine of human resources. And if all of us work as hard to support our students, as our students are working to learn and excel, then I am sure our Commonwealth will prosper in the years ahead," he said.

He was accompanied by his chief of staff, Robert Schwalbach, at the Rotary Club meeting.

Re-election

In a later interview, Sablan, who is seeking re-election, said his chances of winning are better this time than the last time.

"I think my chances are much better this time than I did last time, and I won the last one, that's my humble opinion," he said.

Sablan, the CNMI's first non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, said he has little time to campaign due to his workload. Sablan works 12 to 16 hours a day, six days a week in Washington, D.C.

ilid probably give 10 percent of my time campaigning for now. That's all the time I can afford," he said, adding that the 90 percent is for work.

So far, two others have formally announced their plan of running for delegate: Covenant Party's Joseph N. Camacho, and former Gov. Juan N. Babauta of the Republican Party. At least three other names of possible delegate candidates have been floating around, including a lawyer and a businessman.

PSS expects 630 to graduate from high school this school year

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A total of 630 students are expected to graduate from high school this school year on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, according to the Public School System.

Marianas High School, the biggest and oldest secondary public school in the Commonwealth, is expected to have 260 graduates this school year, almost the same level as the last two years.

The figure is the biggest group expected to complete high school requirements from PSS.

At Kagman High School, registrar Bernie Babauta said they are expecting a significant increase in graduates, with the total senior enrollment of 185 expected to graduate. Last year, 147 students finished their secondary education at Kagman High.

A slight increase is also expected at Saipan Southern High School, where a total of 117

seniors are enrolled this school year. Last year, the school had 99 students finish high school with flying colors.

Principal Sharlene Manglona said Rota High School is expected to confer high school diplomas to some 31 12th graders this school year, down by four from last year's total of 35.

High school registrars and principals said yesterday that the number may slightly change, depending on the result of the fi-

nal grades for this semester.

Based on PSS Facts & Figures for SY 2010, there are over 600 12th graders this year: 327 females and 308 males.

Commencement exercises for high school graduates are scheduled on the following dates: June 10 for Tinian High School; June 11 for Rota High School; June 14 for Marianas High School; June 16 for Kagman High School; and June 18 for Saipan Southern High School.

At the elementary level, over 800 sixth grade students are expected to be promoted to junior high school: 470 male and 421 female students.

The promotions ceremony will be held simultaneously in all 12 elementary school on June 18.

In kindergarten, PSS is eyeing

the promotion of 632 children to first grade.

This school year, PSS accommodated 10,961 students in the following programs: elementary, 5,622; secondary and middle school, 4,990; Head Start, 462; Early Intervention Services, 54; and special needs students, 782.

ATF agent's testimony mulled in case vs suspected 'ice' trafficker

The U.S. government is planning to use the expert testimony of a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent in the case against a suspected methamphetamine or "ice" trafficker.

Assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI a notice of intent to use the expert testimony of ATF special agent John Quintanilla in the trial of Roque S. Norita.

Benedetto said that Quintanilla will testify that a rifle seized from the suspect is a type manufactured by Armalite Inc. in Geneseo, Illinois.

Quintanilla's opinion is that if the .223 caliber Armalite rifle was received or possessed on Saipan, "it would have traveled in interstate and/or foreign commerce."

Norita was indicted on charges of conspiring to distribute a controlled substance, distribution and possession with intent to distrib-

ute controlled substance, and using a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

The U.S. government has filed a separate indictment that charged

Norita with three counts of a felon in possession of a firearm—a Colt AR-15 rifle, a rifle of Japanese manufacture, and a .223 Caliber Armalite Model M15-A2 rifle.

The 41-year-old Norita pleaded not guilty to all charges in both cases. The jury trial is on May 3, 2010. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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Please be advised that PIC Saipan will be conducting routine maintenance to the Point Break Wave Machine (Flow Rider).

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April 5 (Monday) - April 9 (Friday), resume operation April 10 (Saturday)

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Fernandez's hearing a day before accrediting team's visit

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The issue surrounding the suspension of Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez will most likely still

be in the air when a team from the accrediting commission sets foot on island for a three-day special visit next week.

The Board of Regents postponed last Monday the embattled official's hearing to April 12, a day

before the commission checks the college on April 13 to 15.

In a January letter to the college, the commission said it will send a team to NMC to check whether it is still in compliance with accreditation requirements.

The special visit was prompted by what the Western Association of School and Colleges termed as "the series of events happening the college."

NMC earlier announced that the management will be selecting

a group of representatives from various governance councils to meet with the visiting team.

A statement from the college yesterday indicated that it is working expeditiously to resolve issues and continue its ac-

creditation work.

The same statement said the lawyer for Dr. Fernandez and legal counsel for NMC decided to postpone the hearing to April 12, as it is more agreeable to both parties and will ensure consistency with procedural requirements.

It added that members of the NMC Board of Regents are "working hard and taking much time from their professional and personal obligations to ensure that this matter is resolved in the most expeditious manner."

"We want to emphasize that we do not intend to prolong this matter," said Janet King, Board of Regents chair. "At the same time, we want to make sure the all parties' rights are protected [and] due process is provided at every opportunity."

"The Board of Regents will be making important decisions regarding the leadership of the college within the next few days," added King. "While I cannot discuss the details of the upcoming hearing, I want to reassure all students, faculty and staff that student learning remains a chief priority at the...college."

As of yesterday, board members can't say if a decision will be reached after the April 12 hearing.

Buckingham: Evangelista remains at OAG

Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham said that Michael Evangelista remains a member of the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division.

A source, however, said yesterday that Evangelista will be giving his resignation letter to Buckingham and Chief Prosecutor Rosemond Santos by end of this week.



Evangelista

Evangelista was supposed to submit his letter the past two days, the source added.

Buckingham told *Saipan Tribune* Monday night that Evangelista remains with the OAG.

"I spoke personally with him late this afternoon [Monday]," Buckingham said.

Saipan Tribune repeatedly tried but failed to contact Evangelista.

According to the source, Evangelista will be joining the law office of former Rep. Joseph James N. Camacho and Viola Alepuyo by the first week of May.

Evangelista took a leave last week and reported for work on Monday.

If Evangelista resigns, the OAG's Criminal Division will be down to just four prosecutors, including Santos. The remaining three are Jennifer Dockter, Brian Gallagher, and William Downer.

George Hasselback's resignation took effect on Monday. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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ON U.S. HIGH COURT'S RULING ON PLEA BARGAINS

Ex-judge: NMI should applaud as ruling upholds justice

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REPORTER

Juan T. Lizama, a former Superior Court associate judge who had ruled on the need for criminal defense lawyers to advise their clients of potential immigration consequences of plea agreements, said yesterday he is happy that the U.S. Supreme Court has resolved the issue.

"I am very glad that we finally have clarity on this issue by way of decision from the U.S. Supreme Court that is directly on point," Lizama told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said it makes no difference whether the CNMI is "federalized or not."

"Under the Covenant, we must always follow the U.S. Constitution and applicable fed-

eral laws as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court," Lizama said.

On Aug. 6, 2003, then judge Lizama granted Shuanglan Chen's motion to withdraw her guilty plea for promoting prostitution on the grounds that she was not warned of the deportation consequences of her plea.

"Given the severity of deportation and the lack of a truly in-

dependent process for deciding to seek a deportation order in the Commonwealth, the court concludes that it is a violation of the right to due process to accept a guilty plea of a resident alien without first informing such person of the adverse effect a criminal conviction would have on that person's immigration status," Lizama had said in the order.

Attorney Joseph A. Arriola filed the motion on behalf of Chen, a Chinese national. Arriola argued that the court should allow his client to withdraw her plea as she was not informed that her conviction could have immigration consequences. The lawyer had also disclosed that Chen is now a Sablan, as she is married to a local.

The Office of the Attorney General, however, appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court. In June 2006, the CNMI high court reversed Lizama's decision, ruling that the due process clauses of both the U.S. and the CNMI Constitutions do not require a defendant to be advised of all possible consequences of

a guilty plea.

In a March 31, 2010 decision, though, on the *Padilla v. Kentucky* case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that criminal defense lawyers should advise their clients of potential immigration consequences of plea agreements.

Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* that the key lesson from *Padilla v. Kentucky* is that lawyers must be careful in advising immigrants accused of a crime of the consequences of a plea agreement before it is made.

The U.S. high court's ruling, Lizama said, may mean extra work for attorneys, the court, and even the defendants.

"However, we should applaud this requirement because it upholds justice by requiring that an immigrant [or non-resident worker] defendant has the opportunity to give his or her informed consent," he added.

2010 Red Cross walkathon raises nearly \$60,000

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REPORTER

The 24th Annual Red Cross Walkathon on March 27 was a tremendous success, according to organizers, with nearly \$60,000 raised and close to 3,000 participants on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

"Due to the hard work of school coordinators throughout the CNMI, the NMI Chapter exceeded its revenue projections and raised nearly \$60,000 to support the life saving mission of the Red Cross," said John Hirsh, Red Cross executive director.

The participating schools with the most walkers were San Antonio Elementary School (295), Oleai Elementary School (288), and Garapan Elementary School (156).

"Fundraising is never easy, particularly when the economy is tough, but our community has trust in the Red Cross and believes in the programs and services we provide" said Hirsh.

The schools that raised the most donations were Oleai (\$5,560.38), San Antonio (\$4,771.65), and Garapan Elementary (\$3,474.71).

Co-chairs Roxanne Ferrer and Josh Sasamoto led a dedicated group of volunteers through

weeks of planning and hard work to a successful fun filled event.

The 24th Annual Red Cross Walkathon was sponsored by Coke, Subway, Foremost and Glimpes, as well as the hundreds of other donors.

The Walkathon prize winners were:

■Lenovo netbook winners: Jason Carreon Briones (\$762), Jessica Rose Soll (\$715), Deveney Manglona Dela Cruz (\$562.30), and Raven Charfauros (\$533.95). These students raised the most individual donations.

■ All walkers who raised \$75 won a Samsung A650 cell phone with a free \$10 load.

■Other special prize packages included various local restaurant coupons, hotel stays, sporting goods certificates, movie passes, eye exams, and more.

The special prize packages were awarded in the following categories:

■ Students: Dakota Shayne DVL, Villanueva, ReavenJei Tomokane Cruz, and Alannah Mae C. Sablan.

■Non-students: Rabby Romero, Stan Good, and Frances Tudela Santos-Hofschneider.

■ Other winners: Fiesta Resort and Spa (Business), Tsunami Swim Club (clubs and

organizations), Rita Carreon and Roselle Carreon (school coordinators), and Bank of Hawaii (most spirited aid station).

Prizes including cell phones and Netbook computers will be

distributed later this week and early next week. For more information about the NMI Red Cross Chapter and how to get involved, call 234-3459 or visit their Web site at www.nmi.redcross.org.

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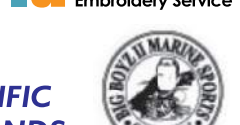
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NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE
Board of Regents

Special Board Meeting

Board of Regents Conference Room, NMC Saipan Campus
Thursday, April 8, 2010
2:30p.m.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters

A. Roll Call

II. New Business

- A. Ratification of matters relating to the Interim President
- B. BOR Program Committee
 1. Board Self Evaluation

III. Executive Session

(At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

IV. Adjournment

/s/ Janet Han King
Chairperson, Board of Regents

April 7, 2010
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OPA asked to probe 'rejected votes' in NI special election

Voters whose ballots were rejected in the March 27 special election for Northern Islands mayor have asked the Office of the Public Auditor to investigate and determine if the ballots were deliberately tampered with.

The Commonwealth Election Commission earlier said that four ballots of absentee voters were "rejected" and not counted in the process. The commission received 41 absentee ballots and only 39 were counted as valid.

CEC executive director Robert Guerrero confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* the "ongoing inquiry" by the OPA.

Guerrero said he cannot comment further on the issue so as not to jeopardize the inquiry.

The Election Commission has certified that independent candidate Tobias Aldan won the special poll, defeating Covenant Party's Ramona Re-buenog by 20 votes.

Aldan received 70 votes over his opponent's 50.

Sources said the investigation was requested to determine the commission's integrity in conducting fair and honest elections.

The findings of the investigation, however, are not expected to affect the overall result of the election.

Aldan was formally sworn into office last Thursday and began his term by joining the governor's budget conference for Fiscal Year 2011.

The Northern Islands Mayor's Office now occupies the building vacated by the Commission on Election on Capital Hill. *(Moneth G. Deposa)*

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

April 7, 2000

Senate realigns \$4 million for CUC to govt agencies

The Senate yesterday agreed to wipe off all the \$4 million set aside by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for payment of government utilities in order to hike the budget of some agencies, including the island municipalities of Rota and Tinian, under the proposed FY 2000 spending package. The budget bill finally cleared the upper house during a late afternoon session that was cut short from time to time as members went back to amend the measure passed by the House of Representatives last month. It appropriates the \$211.1 million projected revenues for the current fiscal year to all departments and agencies, including the \$4.2 million income from land leases earmarked strictly for use by the Division of Public Lands.

Continental boosts Guam-Tokyo service

As a result of increased customer demand, Continental Micronesia yesterday disclosed that it would operate three additional flights every week between Guam and Tokyo. This will result in a 10 percent increase in Continental Micronesia seats in the market, according to Walter Dias, staff vice-president of sales and promotions. The airline currently operates two DC-10 flights per day in the Guam-Tokyo route. Beginning April 7, 2000, Continental Micronesia will operate a Boeing 737-800 on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. The flight will depart Guam at 4:30 p.m. and arrive in Narita at 7:10 p.m. Departure from Narita will be at 8:10 p.m. with arrival in Guam at 12:45 a.m.

April 7, 2003

Wright: \$120K federal money remains unaccounted for

Some \$120,000 in federal funding remains unaccounted for at the Northern Marianas College, according to NMC president Kenneth Wright. He added, though, that the unaccounted amount is already way below the original missing federal account of \$4 million. "We are way, way down now from \$4 million," he said in a recent interview, adding that it is just a matter of record keeping. Wright first reported in September 2002 that over \$800,000 in federal funds was missing.

CUC board refers contract dispute to OPA

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Board of Director has finally referred to the Office of the Public Auditor a contract dispute involving an offshore firm. CUC board chairman Frank Q. Guerrero said Wednesday that he has submitted to OPA pertinent information involving the settlement agreement the CUC signed with Aluminate Group Philippines. "It's with OPA now for analysis," said Guerrero. The board had voted as a body to refer the matter to OPA in early February. The CUC board, which signed the agreement in November 2002, had paid some \$28,000 to AGP last January.

April 7, 2004

SCC: Hiring moratorium must not continue

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce calling on the Babauta administration to fast-track efforts at improving the labor and immigration process so as not to curtail the growth of businesses in the islands. SCC President Alex Sablan in an interview said the chamber had a meaningful forum Monday with Gov. Juan N. Babauta on various labor and immigration issues, including the current moratorium in the hiring of new non-resident workers. "We have been told that a solution to the problems are coming. But six years later we're still trying to fix the system," said Sablan. Sablan particularly ventilated the Chamber's position that if full automation of the alien tracking system is achieved, laws are not abused and the process is running as intended, then the advantage enjoyed by businesses in hiring workers should not be curtailed.

Senate passes DNA testing for child support

The Legislature has passed a bill that proposes to make DNA testing an option in child support cases. The measure, Senate Bill 14-1, was passed by both House and Senate chambers and transmitted to Gov. Juan N. Babauta on April 5 for final approval. The measure, authored by Sen. Pete P. Reyes, aims, among others, to ensure that only the biological parent can be ordered to pay for child support. It requires the court to advise the purported parent about the option to get DNA test to scientifically determine parental relationship to the child. "Natural or adoptive parents have a duty and an obligation to pay for the support of their children, regardless whether a parent has custody or not. However, a person should not be required and under no legal duty to pay for the support of children not his or her own," reads part of the measure.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-10-022

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting sealed bids from qualified individuals or firms for the urgent supply 3-PHASE TRANSFORMERS.

Emergency generator sets will be used to power the island of Rota, while CUC takes down existing generator sets for major engine overhaul and rehabilitation. All existing engines already overdue for overhauls and the power situation on Rota is very critical.

A site visit and pre-bid meeting is not planned, but bidders who wish to visit Rota power plant will be permitted with prior approval. All proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on part of the proposers due to a lack of information or understanding of the plant site conditions in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

The Scope-of-Work and Bid package will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested bidders, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until Wednesday, March 31, 2010.**

One (1) original and five (5) copies must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "IFB 10-022 ROTA 3-PHASE TRANSFORMERS" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No. 4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **Thursday, April 08, 2010 at 10:00 AM**, local time, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

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Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and wave any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM local time on **Monday, April 05, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Purchasing Officer via email at msablan@cucgov.net and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director Power System Rehabilitation via email at wallon59@yahoo.com.

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Acting Executive Director

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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CORPORATION, : NO. 06-0596

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

NMC vacancies down to just eight

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

From nearly 30 vacancies at the start of the spring semester, the Northern Marianas College now has only eight positions that remain unfilled, based on information posted on its Web site.

In December last year, the college's Web site announced a total of 27 vacant posts, mostly key managerial positions.

In the updated list of vacancies yesterday, job announcements called for two department chairpersons in nursing and sciences, math, health and athletics department.

There was also a posting for an administrative assistant for the Talent Search Program support specialist, a director III for Library Programs and Services, a nursing instructor, and a social sciences instructor.

A program coordinator/counselor for Student Support Services and a program manager for the UCEDD pro-

gram were also posted vacant.

NMC has three deans and six academic department chairpersons. One dean position vacated by Cynthia Deleon Guerrero was previously announced but yesterday the position was not included. A check with the college showed that Dr. Patrick Moran has been named in an acting capacity.

Previously advertised positions that are no longer on the college's job vacancy listings are two administrative managers for the Business and Nursing departments; a counselor for Student Support Services; four directors each for the Office of Admissions and Records, School of Education, Student Support Services, and U.S. Apprenticeship Program; program managers for Community Programs and Services and Office of Institutional Excellence; instructors for English and the Medical Health Sciences departments; four data entry clerks for the Office of Admission and Records; one accountant; and a special assistant to the NMC president.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DUI checkpoints this Friday, Saturday

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting DUI checkpoints on April 9 and 10.

The first setup will be held on Saturday on Beach Road Chalan Kanoa, in front of Super Fresh Market on the northbound outer lane, from 10:30pm to 11:45pm.

The second setup will be on Sunday on 2W Chalan Laulau in front of the IT&E building on the southbound outer lane, from 1am to 2:15am.

Checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain.

Police officers will also be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrol, and aggressive driver interdictions, and laser activities.

For more information, contact Sgt. Sylvan Rangamar 664-9084 or 664-9085. **(PR)**

Wiseman at Chamber meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be holding its general membership meeting at the Seaside Hall of the Saipan Grand Hotel today, April 7. Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at noon. As usual, the meeting is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests of members, and \$25 for general public.

Guest speaker at the meeting will be Judge David Wiseman of the CNMI Superior Court. Many members have expressed concern about the increase in crime in the community, and have questioned why it seems that so many of those who are arrested walk away scot-free or with seemingly light sentences. Wiseman will talk about the rule of law, how a case is prosecuted, and the sentencing of convicted criminals. **(SCC)**

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Topic: Autism Education and Awareness

Guests: NMI Autism Society and Tom Thornburgh (NMPASI)

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Topic: Aquaculture five-year plan!

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Topic: Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Awareness Month

Guests: Tinian EUDL Task Force and CNMI EUDL Task Force **(PR)**

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College loans, no middleman

The primary obstacle for young adults seeking to complete a college degree isn't that their public schools failed to prepare them or that their colleges somehow alienated them to the point of dropping out. It's money. Even solidly middle-class families can seldom cough up the more than \$160,000 that private college will cost over four years. Working-class families must struggle to send their children to public colleges, which cost anywhere from several thousand dollars a year for live-at-home commuters to \$25,000 a year for students at the University of California.

The federal government has spent extraordinary sums each year for student loans that helped put more Americans through college. But much of that money, it turns out, has been wasted. Unbelievably enough, the government has spent billions on interest payments to private banks instead of on needy students. This wasteful and at times scandal-plagued expenditure of taxpayer money finally ended with the approval this week of the federal budget reconciliation act. The new law will eliminate the private-lender subsidy and have the government make loans directly to students.

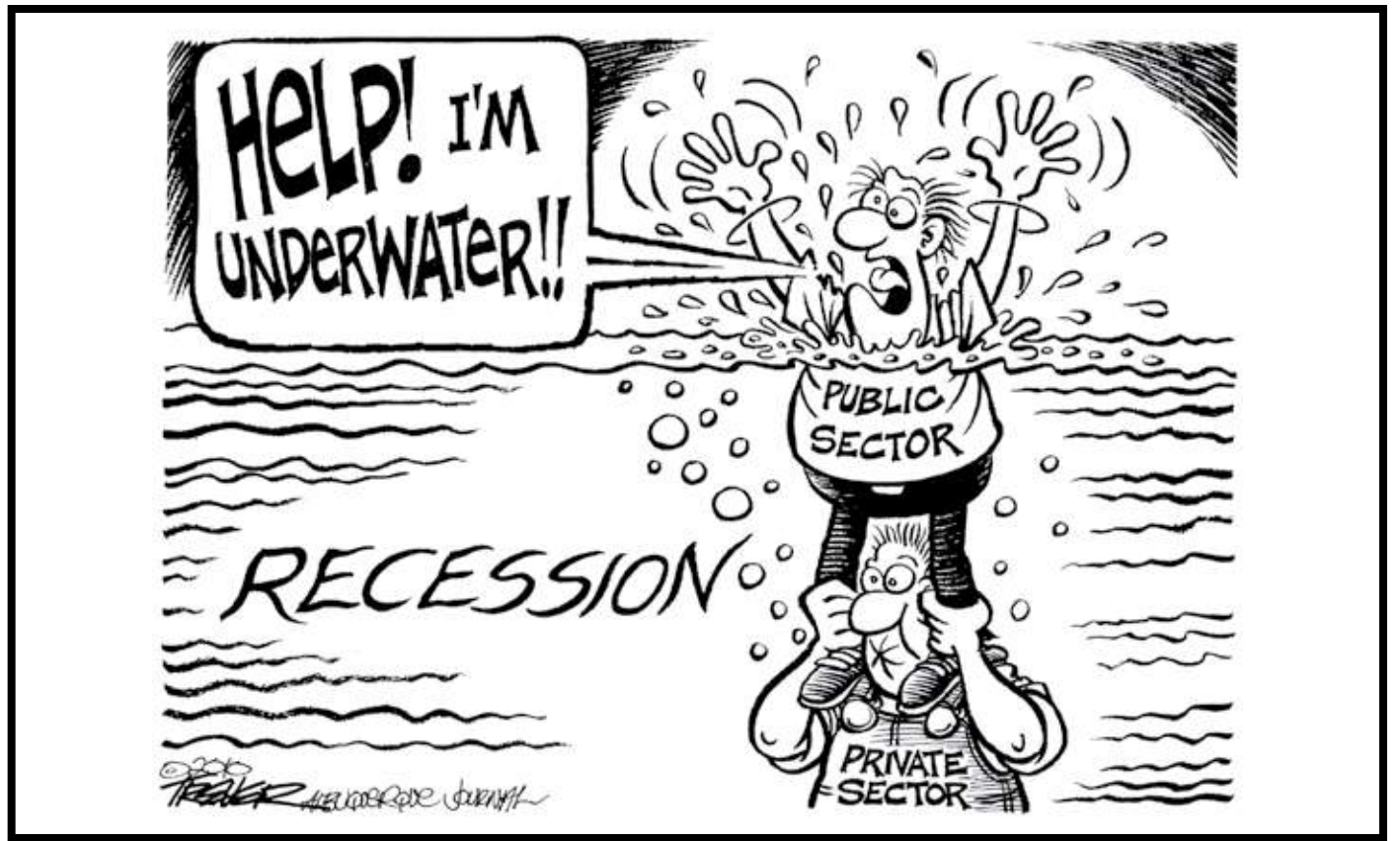
The change is expected to save more than \$60 billion over 11 years, money that will be plowed into more student aid.

Up to now, the federal money was used to subsidize interest payments to the private lenders who actually made the loans. The government also guaranteed the loans. This has been a lucrative, risk-free profit center for private lenders, so desirable a business that they at times provided kickbacks to universities that would list them as preferred lenders. In some cases, financial aid officers at certain colleges held stock options in lending companies. After accusations by the attorney general of New York, several lenders and universities paid fines and agreed to a new code of conduct.

Any smart business leader knows that to cut costs, you cut out the middleman, yet this system persisted for years after the public became aware that billions of dollars were being spent to create banking profits rather than a better-educated nation. The profits in the student loan business were good enough for lenders to invest in lobbyists and campaign contributions, largely to GOP congressmen who now complain that the new law is a killer of private-sector jobs. In fact, the jobs were private sector only in name; they were paid for by taxpayers.

What the private lenders did provide was a range of loan packages to meet individual students' needs. There's no reason the federal government can't do the same, and for a lot more students with college dreams.

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Autism awareness redux

The people who showed up for the governor's proclamation signing of Autism Awareness Month in the Marianas Thursday, April 1, was diverse and upbeat, their picture making the front page of this paper on World Autism Awareness Day. Though representing a bewildered segment of society that is experiencing a mysterious neurological condition of epidemic proportions, the parents and their children, service providers and advocates were raring to go beyond just raising awareness.

General-Secretary Ban Ki Moon of the United Nations, in his message for the day, said that autism is both complex and inadequately understood. *Children and adults with autism ... have a double burden. Not only do they face the daily challenges posed by their disability, but they must also cope with society's negative attitudes, limited support for their needs and, in some cases, blatant discrimination.* The United Nations General Assembly in 2007 designated April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day.

John Bloom of New Mexico took exception to our expressed sympathies in an earlier column to a colleague's indictment against pharmaceutical companies and their attempt to absolve themselves from the effect of vaccines on autism. Courtney Zietzke wrote in 2004 *Mercury – The Winged Messenger*; his son was in my 6th Grade Social Studies class a couple of years back. A former finance specialist in Seattle, he now teaches English Literature at MHS. His continuing research just makes him more livid over vaccine makers' well-funded cop-out and opt-out from any culpability over the incidence of autism.

As a parent who also noticed the coincidence of vaccination prior to my two children's diagnosis of PDD-NOS, before Andrew Wakefield's claim (later discredited on method, not on content) it did not require rocket science to suggest that chemical toxicity had triggering influence on children's condition, not unlike what is now being suggested in the increase of heart and diabetic conditions, also cancer and the variants of flu. We wrote: *OK. Now that health care reform is in place, we can proceed with the business of autism, particularly the influence of chemical toxicity on our metabolism in the last 60 years.* That does not say "vaccine," does it? Well, not overtly anyway!

Bloom wondered whom it was we were referring to at CDC who pointed to a direct link between vaccines and autism. Our narrative included this paragraph: *A teacher ... is livid at the protection given vaccine-producing pharmaceuticals from legal liability ... (a) feeling intensified with the recent Supreme Court decision that denies vaccines as causing autism altogether; never mind that the director of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta acknowledged a direct link two years ago.* That would be Julie Gerberding, ex-CDC chief, appearing on Sanjay Gupta's CNN program in 2007. One need only Google their names and/or the subject of vaccines-autism to gauge the level of passion and the extent of parents and advocates' involvement in this controversial topic. We might add that our paragraph hardly endorses causality of vaccines to autism, only our empathy with Courtney's complaint!

Admittedly, we were sloppy in referring to a Supreme Court decision. It was actually an SC-appointed vaccine panel to determine legal culpability as required by the '80s mandated vaccine fund to apportion awards to those who claim causality between a disorder and vaccines. In no way were the proceedings a determination of scientific proof itself; what it did establish is that the burden of proof is on the plaintiff

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and not the defendant. Google the subject and one finds a legal mess. Even one of the special masters in the SC panel (there were three on three separate cases) admitted that the matter of the scientific causality is hardly a closed case.

We received feedback from Midnight In Chicago, an international tourism and culture initiative raising awareness of ASD, Myasthenia Gravis, and invisible disabilities, formed by a couple of artists. Their uploaded 8-minute *mockumentary* about an Alaskan armadillo causing autism was meant to dispel reliance on scientists' pronouncements just because they wear lab gowns. Well and good. The direct reference to autism, however, and the concluding statement that autism is not caused by environmental factors but rather, on genetics, suddenly made the piece an arbiter of sound scientific judgment. Not too good.

Co-founder Thomas Taylor points in the promo that *"the belief some people have that vaccines, mercury and thimerosal are the cause of autism despite the scientific and medical evidence that has proven repeatedly that vaccines, mercury and thimerosal are not factors in causing autism."* (emphasis added.)

Since the piece intended to mock, I replied in kind. Taylor's credential to arbitrate between genetics and environment was dubious at best. Having been an uptown Chicago resident in the '80s, I feigned surprise at their group's name, until, oops, I realized that their address is in Ontario. Having lived in Saskatchewan and witnessed the province's socialized medicine vilified by Toronto while I was there, I indicated that my surprise was misplaced. And being all too familiar with pharmaceuticals' \$-political clout, I naughtily inquired how much they were paid for the muck, I mean, mockery.

Taylor replied in heightened tones of self-righteousness, bewailing our *non-sequitur* (my term) re mention of uptown Chicago, and Saskatchewan where a co-founder whose daughter has both ASD and MG had lived. He pointed out our lack of professionalism, threatening to inform MIC's network that ST is not receptive to science-based research, and that we will no longer receive press releases from them. My editor's sleepless nights follow this development; I shake in my flip-flops. On the other hand, young artist Taylor might want to stick to his acrylics!

Closer to home, the Vila family took matters into their own hands to provide their SpEd daughter the services in her IEP that was not provided by PSS. Having sat through perfunctory IEP sessions where compliance to paper trail seemed more important than actually having the ability to deliver promised services, my empathy to the Vilas is unequivocal. Vilas are self-advocates *sans* solid legal support. We admire their courage. PSS has no need to be defensive; in fact, it should encourage more parents to be proactive with their concerns and their children's

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When no one has called you to come out and play
and the folks you depend on are causing dismay
When phones aren't ringing with dates to hang out
and you once had big dreams but you're starting to doubt

When you've used all your options and emptied your cup
and none even offer a sip or a sup
Or you've come to a fork in life's oft lonely walk
And those who could help you are nothing but talk

When you've come to a standstill and don't understand
why in a world full of people no one gives you a hand
Or it just seems unfair that as great as you are
that your best goes unnoticed and none see your star

I'll suggest to you this, and you can take it or not
That it's not that you're trapped in a conspiracy plot
But when things that you want seem withheld on a shelf
That perhaps that's the gift you should be giving yourself!

I once had the opportunity to offer a workshop to people interested in breaking into the music industry. At this particular event, two of the participants, a New York-based hip hop group, asked me to address how to overcome the apparent obstacles to their rise to stardom that they

Policy sets direction

Tony Pellegrino's observations on the discrepancy of wages between public and private sector employees is a powerful review of policy-making that subsequently turned into total failure. He demonstrated half-cocked policies that widened the gap in wages, resulting in the discouragement of our young people from entering the trades.

I recalled researching the wage issue years ago in order to justify low wages for the garment industry. The difference is \$9:\$6, the former for public sector employees. There's the fully guarded protection given public sector workers. In short, the CNMI neglected to institute fairness in order to grant employees in the private sector deal, on an even playing field, with the horrendous cost of living on these isles. Obviously, the economic downturn hits everybody, so why the exception?

Ironically, we have vocational schools focusing on lifetime acquisition skills for our people in the construction and technical trades. Subsequent policies derailed this group of future workers. We've muddled the water so much as to blindly brave announcing \$3 an hour for engineers that graduated from accredited U.S. colleges and universities. The agenda is to keep wages low for foreign workers as to ignore that we have our very own people in the same trades. Now wonder everybody wants to be governor!

Now two separate studies from the U.S. Department of Labor showed that government workers are usually unscathed from the wraths of recessions. It's the private sector employees that suffer the bulk of salary and job cuts while government employees are guaranteed jobs and perks. This anomaly in policy must be overhauled forthwith. Is someone willing to step up to the plate?

Mind you, policy sets direction and we can no longer espouse those that are punitive or inimical against local students who wish to enter such beneficial training at the U.S. Department of Labor-sanctioned journeyman program. Why do you think CUC's journeymen have left for jobs in the military buildup in Guam? Simple: They're now earning upwards of \$36 an hour! It goes to illustrate the benefits of vocational training they took at GCC.

Tony is also keen in his observation about investments here. Where do we fit as permanent hosts of these isles in the investment schemes we've seen come and gone? The garment industry has deployed elsewhere, leaving behind its filth for the CNMI to cleanup. Other major businesses have also put up shutters, leaving a huge void in what we call revenue streams. Thus, the consistent decline in revenue generation. It translates into job losses for our folks once associated with these firms and far less revenues for the CNMI. Did we offer help to these businesses before they put up shutters?

It seems most appropriate at this juncture to reassess the future of the CNMI so we salvage it as the paradise of our people rather than a hellish hole. This isn't difficult if we are willing to take the

seemed to be encountering. After recounting all the stories of closed doors, shady dealings, and "fame blockers" they had encountered, and with the help of all of us present (asking the right questions, and making suggestions), they arrived at a significant mental paradigm shift.

They decided then and there, that instead of waiting for promoters and producers to recognize their talent and hire them for performances, that they would take matters into their own hands and put on their own performances to create the reality they envisioned for themselves.

It immediately clicked and made sense to them! They realized they *already* had the experience and "know how" of doing just what they needed to have happen next in their careers. They had put on numerous concerts, promoted them and achieved success for others. They realized, quite ironically, that it was they themselves who were not recognizing their *own* talent!

Yes, the fatal flaw in many people's plans is their habit of seeking the government, the agency, the mayor, the bigwigs, the label, the publishing company or some other entity they believe is more equipped, more talented or better funded in order to bring their dreams to life. Remember, you are never given a dream without the skills and abilities required to bring it to life. It may simply require more creativity in your approach.

Ask *What skills and talents and assets are required to bring this dream to life? Do I already possess these?*

So if no one is inviting you to parties, throw one yourself! If no one is calling you for acting roles, put on your own performance! No one inviting you out? Treat yourself to a night out! (Who knows who you might meet!)

More often than not, when you approach life's challenges with the belief that you already have the authority, and capacity to do the thing you wish done, you'll find you might just have the talent and ability to do the very thing you're expecting others to do for you. And *that's* precisely why it seems that you've hit a wall and can't seem to find anyone *out there* to help you. Why? Because you're looking in the wrong place! So, when no one is giving it to you,

first painful steps in a thousand mile journey by opening the door of assimilation. But for once in our lifetime, we must engage in deliberative discussions in self-definition. We can't simply listen to disinterested though highly paid economic advisers who eventually head to jet ways, leaving us discouraged and confused for lack of expert follow-up.

Let's allow for assimilation of the indigenous people in any and all discussions pertaining to prospective investments. We may not have the business acumen as a standard of measurement. But we have young people matriculated at NMC that are willing to trail blaze careers in entrepreneurship given the opportunity. Their gradual assimilation could make a dim future brighter ones if we proactively engage them today. Are leaders willing to listen and isn't listening the most important trait of leadership?

Budget seesaw debate

There are several issues that come into full view as the local government—Legislature, administration and Judiciary—haggle over disposition of austerity measures.

Who disposes of austerity is insignificant. Where to cut is the primary issue in order to ensure the continued functioning of education, health and safety. Nothing else matters unless this is met.

In short, all departments and agencies ought to receive drastic cuts to ensure that our children aren't arbitrarily denied their education. This measure should include voluntary salary cuts of "constitutionally" protected salaries. After all, the pain is the same for *everybody* no matter how you slice, splice or dice it!

The Legislature and Judiciary should also look into their operations to trim excess baggage. This permits them to contribute to the collective call for sacrifice. Let's see some real resolve to ensure the education of our children, health care, and safety for the entire community. It's called budgeting amidst dire economic straits.

There's also the need to carefully tread what's the purview of the federal government on programs it funds out here. Specifically, can we institute austerity in what is solely the purview of the federal government? Was expenditure authority given the local government? Revisiting the supremacy of laws concept ought to provide some sensible guidelines to keeping our fingers in our own cookie jar.

This is where the CNMI's non-voting delegate must seek clarification on this matter with finality, including the collision of views on the local umbrella policy. Which flag must foreign workers follow? Redundancy is the least we need on this matter. Make it a win-win-situation! Clarification ought to serve the wellbeing of guest workers, businesses and the local government. Can the non-voting delegate get on the ball?

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"Men at some time are masters of their fates. The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings." [From Julius Caesar, a play by William Shakespeare]

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!—Walt

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Letter to the Editor

Thank you!

The heavy rain, fog, wind and mud during the annual Good Friday pilgrimage to the highest peak of the island didn't matter to the hundreds of Saipan residents young and old who walked the long journey to the top of Mt. Tapochao last Friday.

The Bicol Association in Northern Marana Islands, Inc. (Bianmi, Inc.), which marked its 10th year of serving free food and drinks to all devotees on the trek going up Mt. Tapochao, would like to thank all the donors for their overwhelming support that made the association's community service a success. The Bicol Association's Council of Past Presidents, officers and members would to thank the following donors: Well-Integrated Resources & Electrical Services (WIRES), Cool Care Auto Air Conditioning, Coca Cola, PrimTeck Construction, Philippine Consulate General, Triple R Auto Shop, ChampStar Electronics, H-Mart, Harmony Auto Shop, Kalayaan Food Catering, Cargo Express, MAFE, Leche's Tents & Chairs, Herman's Bakery, Wally's Lechon, and all association members and friends who actively participated in this noble undertaking for their untiring support and participations. To everyone, Happy Easter and thank you. *Mabalos*.

Danilo O. Romanillo
Acting president, Bianmi, Inc.

AUTISM

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education. Institutional humility is not a vice!

For now, it is obvious that April's autism awareness will be on top of our list of concerns. So, for this month, we shall not make this our final reflection on the subject.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
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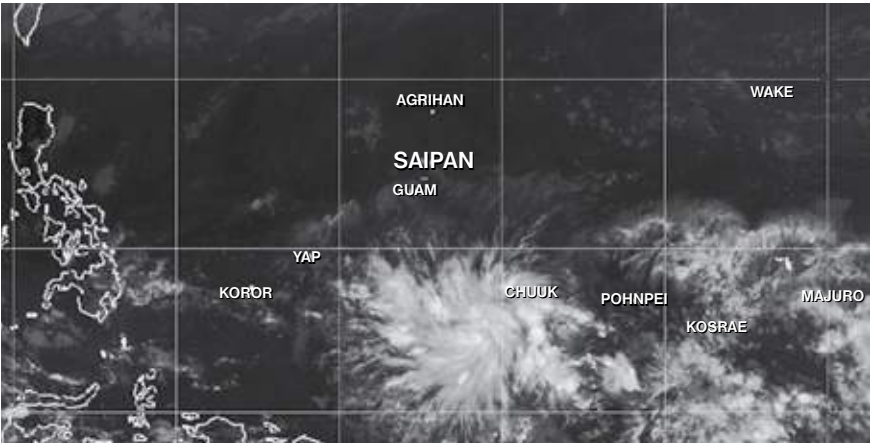
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Salem	Showers	▲52 ▼39
San Francisco	Sunny	▲58 ▼47
Seoul	Sunny	▲56 ▼39
Tokyo	Showers	▲57 ▼44
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼61

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
3:40 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
8:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
12:53 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
8:51 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trough of low pressure is presently centered about 300 miles to the west southwest of Chuuk. Numerous showers and widespread thunderstorms are in an area from from 02N to 08N between 144E and 152E. This area of showers and thunderstorms is moving toward the west northwest at around 15 mph. Cloud tops are estimated to be up to around 50000 feet. A second but weaker trough of low pressure is located just to the south southeast of Kosrae. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are in an area between the equator and 07N between 160E and 168E. This area of showers and thunderstorms is moving off toward the west northwest at around 20 mph. A third trough of low pressure is presently located a couple of hundred miles southeast of Majuro. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are in an area between 07N and the equator between 170E and 180E. This area of showers and thunderstorms is moving off toward the west northwest at around 20 mph. A weak inverted trough is centered near 17N162E. Scattered to broken cumulus clouds are presently located in an area from 16N to 20N between 158E and 165E. This area of clouds is moving toward the west at around 20 mph. A weak frontal boundary extends from 27N180E to 22N168E. Scattered cumulus and isolated towering cumulus clouds lie along this frontal boundary which is between 60 to 90 miles wide. The frontal boundary is nearly stationary with individual clouds along the front moving toward the west southwest.otherwise only widely scattered cumulus and isolated towering cumulus clouds are seen elsewhere across the forecast area and are generally moving westward in low level easterly flow.

Sunrise/Sunset

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Friday	6:07 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:31 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:31 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:06 AM	12:39 PM
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FRE 100 7:00am 7:30am Daily				FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100 7:50am 8:20am Daily				FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200 9:00am 9:30am Daily				FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200 9:50am 10:15am Daily				Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300 4:00pm 4:30pm Daily				FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300 4:50pm 5:25pm Daily				FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400 6:00pm 6:30pm Daily				FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
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Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
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FRE 103 7:30am 7:40am Daily				FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
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NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

NMC Career Fair set for April 22

The Northern Marianas College will be conducting its Annual Career Fair in efforts to assist current and graduating students of the college in finding rewarding jobs within their desired industries.

The NMC Career Fair will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 10am to 12pm at the NMC campus, room D1. The fair will include various businesses, government agencies and non-profit organizations, which will expose NMC students to available options in the job market today.

To prepare students for the Career Fair and the realities of job hunting, the organizing committee will also be hosting several workshops to assist students with interviewing and resume writing skills. These workshops will be conducted by NMC instructor Larry Lee, and NMC Human Resource staff Jack Kiyoshi and Bobbie Hunter on two separate days, April 19 and 20.

Inclusive of workshops, students will have the opportunity to learn about law enforcement and social services through presentations from the Department of Public Safety, Karidat, Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc., and the Com-



NMC Dean Leo Pangelinan, far left, and students from the College speak with prospective employers during the 2009 NMC Career Fair. The 2010 Career Fair is set for April 22, 2010 to be held at the NMC As Terlaje Campus.

munity Guidance Center.

Confirmed employer participants for the Career Fair include Wells Fargo Financial, *Marianas Variety*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, CNMI Office of Personnel Management, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

"We would like to thank last year's participating businesses and organizations for giving our students the opportunity to network," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "We are enhancing our efforts to increase the number of par-

ticipating employers during this year's fair."

The NMC Career Fair committee is inviting interested employers to avail of this opportunity to gain access to many talented individuals at NMC by contacting the NMC Career Services department to register for the event.

For more information about the fair and for the schedule of various workshops and presentations, contact Heather Santos at 234-5498 or email heathers@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Tinian workshop on artificial swine insemination



Artificial insemination can contribute to improvement of swine genetics in the Marianas, which will improve quality and marketability of pork meat in the region.

The Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services is inviting the public to a workshop geared toward increasing awareness of artificial insemination. The workshop will be held on April 9-10 at the NMC Tinian campus from 9am to 3pm in room F.

Participants of the workshop will have the opportunity to learn about the different techniques and equipments used

during the process of artificial insemination of pigs. Presentations will also include lectures exposing the advantages and the disadvantages of the technology, current practices in the United States mainland commonly used during insemination, heat detection and timing of insemination, semen handling procedures, and broad overview about the various facilities that conduct research on the science of in-

semination.

Organizers of the event will present two guest speakers: Dr. Allan Sabaldica, an animal scientist, and Capt. Ernest Torres, a certified cattle and swine artificial insemination technician.

According to Dr. Sabaldica, artificial insemination can contribute to improvement of swine genetics in the Marianas which, in turn, will improve quality and marketability of meats in the region.

"Artificial insemination is the base for a sustainable pork industry in the CNMI in the long run," said Dr. Sabaldica.

"We urge the public, in particular Tinian residents, to take advantage of this workshop and to absorb the useful information that will be disseminated," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera.

The workshop is funded by a grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture's Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education.

For details on registration or about the workshop individuals can reach Percy Cing at 433-0657. Seating is limited. (NMC)



TO INTERESTED CNMI CITIZENS "PACK TEST" & CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Public Safety, Fire Division, in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service is offering the Work Capacity (Pack) Test for the basic wildland firefighting course. Upon successful completion of the pack test, the basic wildland firefighting course will be conducted the following week.

BASIC KEY REQUIREMENTS:

- You must be a U.S. Citizen
- You must be 18 years of age or older

Pack test will be conducted at the following time and location:

Friday, April 09, 2010, 06:00am Susupe track and field

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 06:00am Susupe track and field

For the following sessions contact Alan Elder to register at 664-9135, 7:30am-4:30pm

Required gear will be running shoes and shorts.

The Basic Wildland Firefighting course will be conducted Monday-Friday, April 12-16, 2010 730am-430pm at the Homeland Security Training Center in Capitol Hill, BLDG #1358.

Upon successful completion of the course requirements you will be eligible to be deployed as a member of a wildland fire fighting crew.



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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-023

"Laptops and Desktop Computers for William S. Reyes Elementary School (WSR)"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Laptops and Desktop Computers for William S. Reyes Elementary School (WSR)**. The Scope of Work is available beginning April 7, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Fax request may be sent to 664.3791.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: robert.florian@cnmipss.org

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"IFB 10-023"** containing one(1) original with Three(3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **April 21, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.** at which time bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement & Supply Officer

Island Snapshots



EXPLOSIVES DETONATION
Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan, left, pushes the remote detonation button to dispose of hazardous illegal explosives devices on Monday afternoon near the Marpi landfill, as part of the first large scale disposal of its kind in the CNMI by the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Looking on is J.D. Powell, right, the supervisory explosives enforcement officer with ATF's Explosives Technology Branch.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Agents from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and officers from the CNMI Department of Public Safety and its Fire Division watch the detonation of close to 1,000 illegal firecrackers from China near the Marpi landfill on Monday afternoon. ATF disposed of more than 2,200 lbs of hazardous illegal explosives devices in three separate disposal operations.

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2010 RED CROSS WALKATHON
Participants in the 24th annual Red Cross Walkathon mill around near the 4-H Building in Susupe after participating in the walk last March 27. The annual event drew close to 3,000 participants on Saipan, Rota and Tinian. Prizes from the event, including cell phones and netbook computers, will be distributed late this week and early next week. For more information about the NMI Chapter and how to get involved, call the Chapter at 234-3459 or visit www.nmi.redcross.org.

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SWEARING-IN
Gov. Benigno R. Fitial swears into office the newly elected mayor of Northern Islands, Tobias Aldan, during a ceremony Thursday last week on Capital Hill. With the mayor are members of his family and supporters.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



SUNSET ON MANAGAHA ISLAND
This picture, taken from Pau Pau Beach, shows the setting sun in perfect alignment with Managaha Island.

RICHARD W. BRUNDAGE



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT
Happy birthday greetings go out to Ms. Elsa Tayan of Sara Market, who is celebrating her special day today! Wishing you all the best and happiness all throughout the year. Greetings come from the *Saipan Tribune* family.

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40TH ANNIVERSARY
A group of 45 teachers and students from the Takushoku University in Tokyo, Japan, were here in Saipan on March 8, 2010, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Pacific Ocean Memorial Monument at Banzai Cliff in Marpi. The monument, depicting a mother and daughter kneeling and praying for peace, was erected in March 1970.

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Business

Toyota faces \$16M fine, accused of hiding defect

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government accused Toyota of hiding a “dangerous defect” and proposed a record \$16.4 million fine on Monday for failing to quickly alert regulators to safety problems in gas pedals on popular models such as the Camry and Corolla.

The proposed fine, announced Monday by Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, is the most the government could levy for the sticking gas pedals that have led Toyota to recall millions of vehicles. There could be further penalties under continuing federal investigations. The Japanese automaker faces private lawsuits seeking many millions more.

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota’s Prius hybrid was Japan’s top-selling car in March for an 11th straight month despite massive recall woes, an industry group said Tuesday.

Hitachi president says green focus key to recovery

TOKYO (AP)—Money-losing Hitachi will focus on ecological businesses including hybrid railways and batteries for green cars in its latest effort to return to profitability, its new president said Tuesday.

The electronics maker must use its sprawling assets in telecommunications and “social infrastructure” such as power systems and data management to expand in businesses that “fuse these two technologies,” including smart grids for cities and energy-efficient data centers, said Hiroaki Nakanishi,

More good economic news could help spur hiring

WASHINGTON (AP)—Employers holding out for more evidence that the economic recovery is finally taking hold got some Monday: The nation’s service sector is growing quickly, and contracts for home sales are up.

The big question is whether the latest encouraging signs will help embolden companies to hire at a faster pace and bring down the unemployment rate.

Some economists and corporate executives say it could. And they say they no longer fear a double-dip recession—in which the end of government stimulus

Toyota Motor Corp., reeling after recalls over issues that included braking problems with the Prius, sold 35,546 units of the gas-electric vehicle in Japan last month, according to the Japan Automobile Dealers Association.

“The recall woes did not appear to dent demand for the Prius. Despite the recall trouble, the automaker cannot keep up with surging demand for the Prius,” said Toshiaki Miyake, a spokesman for the association.

Consumers were choosing the Prius with the help of tax breaks and government subsidies for environmentally friendly vehicles, Miyake said.

Toyota Motor Corp. has recalled more than 6 million vehicles in the U.S., and more than 8 million worldwide, because of acceleration problems in multiple models and braking

who took office April 1.

Nuclear power plants are another possible opportunity, he told reporters. He said details of his strategy will be announced by the end of May.

Tokyo-based Hitachi expects to remain in the red for the fiscal year that ended last month but is trying to cut costs and is raising money by issuing new shares.

“We will come back as a strong Hitachi,” Nakanishi said.

Nakanishi’s appointment in February was part of a managerial shake-up designed to move toward a recovery.

money would tip the economy back into contraction.

Factories are producing more. Americans are willing to spend more. And the economy added 162,000 jobs last month, the most in nearly three years.

“It’s much better news than we would have thought a few months ago,” said Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group, said its service index rose to 55.4 in March from 53 in February. Any reading above 50 signals expansion. It was the strongest

issues in the Prius hybrid.

Documents obtained from the automaker show that Toyota knew of the problem with the sticking gas pedals in late September but did not issue a recall until late January, LaHood said. The sticking pedals involved 2.3 million vehicles.

“We now have proof that Toyota failed to live up to its legal obligations,” LaHood said in a statement. “Worse yet, they knowingly hid a dangerous defect for months from U.S. officials and did not take action to protect millions of drivers and their families.”

For those reasons, LaHood said, the government is seeking a fine of \$16.375 million, the maximum penalty possible. That dwarfs the previous record: In 2004, General Motors paid a \$1 million fine for responding too slowly on a recall of nearly 600,000 vehicles over windshield wiper failure.

Hitachi, which employs 400,000 people worldwide, has struggled with a bloated work force and a complex corporate structure. Over the years, it has implemented various turnaround plans with little success.

The company eked out a small profit for the quarter through December 2009 but is forecasting a 210 billion yen (\$2.2 billion) loss for the fiscal year ended March 31.

Nakanishi, 64, promised to strengthen the company’s financial base, which he acknowledged is unsatisfactory.

growth since ISM revised how it measured the service sector in January 2008.

The service sector is critically important because it accounts for about 80 percent of U.S. jobs, excluding farm workers. It includes jobs in areas like health care, retail and financial services.

Offering more optimism, the National Association of Realtors said the number of people who agreed to buy previously occupied homes rose 8.2 percent in February. The index is considered a signal of future sales activity.

an optimistic mood among traders.

Judge mulls \$296M plea deal for heart device maker

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Boston Scientific Corp.’s Guidant LLC division pleaded guilty Monday to two federal misdemeanor counts alleging it failed to properly disclose changes made to some implantable heart devices. The deal calls for Guidant to pay more than \$296 million, which federal prosecutors called the largest criminal penalty ever assessed against a medical device company. The agreement does not include probation or restitution to victims. U.S. District Judge Donovan Frank said he will decide within three weeks whether to reject the plea deal, accept it as written, or accept it with modifications.

Nation

US to adopt narrower policy on using nuclear arms

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration is adopting a new policy limiting the circumstances under which the U.S. would use nuclear weapons, keeping with the president’s pledge to give the nuclear arsenal a less prominent role in U.S. defense strategy.

In line with an in-depth review of U.S. nuclear weapons policy, the administration also hopes to persuade Russia to agree to open talks on mutual cuts in nuclear arsenals that go beyond a new arms treaty to be signed this week, U.S. officials said.

The nuclear weapons policy review to be released Tuesday is the first since 2001. It would not radically change U.S. policy, but officials said it will include language that reflects President Barack Obama’s commitment to move toward a nuclear free world. By narrowing the conditions in which the U.S. might use nuclear arms,

Priest accused of US abuse still working in India

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—A Roman Catholic priest was in his native India in 2007 when he was charged with sexually assaulting a teenage girl at his former post in Minnesota. Three years later, he is still serving as a priest in India with the blessing of his local bishop.

And the Rev. Joseph Palanivel Jeyapaul has no intention of returning to the U.S. to answer

Census Bureau urges same-sex couples to be counted

NEW YORK (AP)—With strong backing from the Census Bureau, gay-rights activists are urging maximum participation by their community in the first U.S. census that will tally same-sex couples who say they’re married—even those without a marriage license.

The move has drawn fire from conservatives, who complain that it’s another step toward redefining marriage.

ACROSS THE NATION

Massey Energy: 25 dead in US coal mine explosion

MONTICELLO, West Virginia (AP)—Massey Energy says 25 workers have been killed in a West Virginia coal mine explosion in the worst U.S. mine disaster since 1984. An explosion Monday afternoon rocked the remote coal mine with a history of safety problems. Rescuers had been trying to get to at least 10 miners they thought were trapped. However, the rescue has been halted even though officials say four men were still unaccounted for early Tuesday. In 1984, 27 were killed by a fire at Emery Mining Corp.’s mine in Orangeville, Utah.

4 shot, dozens arrested in NY mayhem

NEW YORK (AP)—Hundreds of young people spilled into midtown Manhattan near Times Square early Monday, brawling and shooting guns after the New York International Auto Show in an annual night of mayhem the mayor called “wilding.” Four people were shot and 33 were

U.S. and Russia agree to nuke cuts

President Barack Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev agreed to cut nuclear arsenals of long-range nuclear weapons by about a third, from 2,220 to 1,550 each. Currently, both the U.S. and Russia have a stockpile of more than 2,000 strategic warheads.



Obama hopes to strengthen U.S. arguments that other countries should either reduce stockpiles of nuclear weapons or forgo developing them.

These officials said the administration’s new nuclear policy would stop short of

renouncing the use of nuclear weapons except in retaliation to atomic attack, as some activists have advocated. But it would describe the weapons’ purpose as “primarily” or “fundamentally” to deter or respond to a nuclear attack.

the charges.

His bishop said Jeyapaul handles paperwork for schools in the diocese office and does not work with children.

“We cannot simply throw out the priest, so he is just staying in the bishop’s house, and he is helping me with the appointment of teachers,” said the Most Rev. A. Almaraj of the Diocese of Ootacamund in

southern India. “He says he is innocent, and these are only allegations. ... I don’t know what else to do.”

The Vatican weighed in Monday, saying that officials there thought Jeyapaul should be removed from the priesthood and that they cooperated with efforts to extradite him to the U.S.—even providing authorities with his exact location in India.

For the first time, the bureau has deployed a team of professional field workers—about two-dozen strong—to reach out to gays and lesbians. On Monday, the bureau unveiled its first public-service videos encouraging gay Americans to mail in their census forms.

“What I tell folks in the bureau is that this is a powerful, important part of American society,” said Tim Olson, a

Census Bureau assistant division chief helping to oversee the campaign.

“We have to reach out and engage this part of the population. Anything less than that is a failure,” he said.

Only the District of Columbia and five states—Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and Iowa—have legalized gay marriages, starting with Massachusetts in 2004.

arrested, mostly on charges of disorderly conduct on the streets not far from the Jacob A. Javits Center, where the auto show is held. Three men and a woman were arrested later Monday on gang assault charges related to one of the shootings, police said. It wasn’t clear whether anyone who fired shots was among those arrested. Another 23 were issued summons for disorderly conduct or were given juvenile reports and released.

Antenna failure hampers crew’s shuttle inspection

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Discovery’s astronauts are surveying their ship for signs of launch damage, but the job is being complicated by the failure of the space shuttle’s big dish antenna. The antenna failed to operate after Discovery blasted into orbit Monday. That leaves the seven astronauts with no way to send or receive big packages of information, like the laser images of the shuttle’s wings and nose being collected early Tuesday morning. Normally, these images are sent immediately to Mission Control.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Stronger jobs, services reports send stocks higher

NEW YORK (AP)—Stronger reports on jobs and the nation’s services industries lifted stocks Monday and pushed the Dow Jones industrial average toward the 11,000 mark. The Dow rose 46 points and moved closer to crossing the psychological benchmark of 11,000 for the first time in 18 months. Growing confidence about the economy hurt demand for Treasuries and drove up interest rates. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note briefly rose to 4 percent, its highest level since June. The government’s report Friday that the economy posted its biggest job gain in three years in March raised expectations that a recovery is taking hold. Reports Monday of strong improvements in demand at services businesses and in the housing market added to

Asia

Lawmakers: Afghan leader threatening to join Taliban

KABUL (AP)—Afghan President Hamid Karzai threatened over the weekend to quit the political process and join the Taliban if he continued to come under outside pressure to reform, several members of parliament said Monday.

Karzai made the unusual statement at a closed-door meeting Saturday with selected lawmakers—just days after kicking up a diplomatic controversy with remarks alleging foreigners were behind fraud



Karzai

in last year's disputed elections.

Lawmakers dismissed the latest comment as hyperbole, but it will add to the impression the president—who relies on tens of thousands of U.S. and NATO forces to fight the insurgency and prop up his government—is growing increasingly erratic and unable to exert authority without attacking his foreign backers.

"He said that 'if I come under foreign pressure, I might join the Taliban,'" said Farooq Marenai,

who represents the eastern province of Nangarhar.

"He said rebelling would change to resistance," Marenai said—apparently suggesting that the militant movement would then be redefined as one of resistance against a foreign occupation rather than a rebellion against an elected government.

Marenai said Karzai appeared nervous and repeatedly demanded to know why parliament last week had rejected legal reforms that would have strengthened the president's authority over the country's electoral institutions.

Thai protesters clash with riot police

BANGKOK (AP)—Thousands of anti-government demonstrators clashed with Thai police and military troops trying to prevent them from leaving from the capital's commercial district Tuesday to stage protests elsewhere in Bangkok.

The demonstrators pushed against police lines and pelted the riot squads with eggs and plastic water bottles along a tree-lined boulevard in front of the Four Seasons Hotel.

Protest leaders have defied a government order to vacate the

commercial heart of Bangkok as they try to pressure Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva to relinquish power. They vowed Tuesday to stage convoys through 11 main city roads the administration has declared off-limits to them.

"We will teach the government a lesson—that every road belongs to the people," said a protest leader, Nattawut Saikua.

About 1,000 riot police and soldiers faced off against a similar number of protesters as luxury hotels in the area barricaded their doors, guests taking photo-

graphs from a safe distance.

Some of the protesters clambered atop police trucks parked across the road to block the demonstrators. The light overhead railway that runs above Rajdamri Road was shut down by the operators.

"We were going to see a movie," said Les Stanley, a 55-year-old Australian resident in Bangkok. "Oh well, this is more interesting than a movie."

The government restated that it wanted to solve the crisis peacefully.

SKorean warship catches up with hijacked tanker

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A South Korean navy destroyer caught up with a hijacked supertanker carrying about \$160 million of crude oil and was maneuvering nearby in the Indian Ocean, South Korea's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

The supertanker, on its way from Iraq to the United States, is believed to have been hijacked by Somali pirates, the latest high-value bargaining chip for the sea bandits. Similar seizures

of oil supertankers in the waters off the coast of lawless Somalia have yielded ransoms as high as \$5.5 million.

South Korea's navy received a call Sunday from the South Korean-operated 300,000-ton *Samho Dream* saying three pirates had boarded it and then lost contact.

At the time, the tanker was about 930 miles (1,500 kilometers) southeast of the Gulf of Aden. It has 24 crew—five

South Koreans and 19 Filipinos. South Korea quickly diverted a navy destroyer from anti-piracy patrol in the Gulf of Aden to pursue the hijacked tanker.

The destroyer caught up and began operating near the hijacked supertanker as of early Tuesday South Korean time, which was late Monday where the ships were operating. South Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

militants' resilience.

Maoist rebels kill 20 troops in eastern India

PATNA, India (AP)—Suspected Maoist rebels killed at least 20 paramilitary soldiers on Tuesday in attacks in the eastern Indian state of Chhattisgarh, police say. Three soldiers were killed in an ambush in the rebel stronghold of Dantewada early Tuesday and 17 others were killed when their vehicle was blown up by a land mine, said a senior police official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to speak to reporters. The troops killed in the blast were on their way to recover the bodies of those killed in the earlier attack, he said.

World

Strong quake kills two in Mexico, rattles US states

MEXICALI, Mexico (AP)—Aftershocks rattled the southwest Mexico-U.S. border Monday in the aftermath of a major earthquake that killed two people, blacked out cities and forced the evacuation of hospitals and nursing homes.

Sunday's 7.2-magnitude quake, centered just south of the U.S. border near Mexicali, was one of the strongest earthquakes to hit the region in decades, shaking at least 20 million people.

It had a shallow depth of 6 miles (10 kilometers). But the human toll was minimal in large part because the energy from the quake moved northwest of Mexicali toward a less

populated area, said Jessica Sigala, a geophysicist from the U.S. Geological Survey.

"We were just kind of lucky that the energy went the other way," Sigala said. "With every earthquake, the earth starts moving a certain direction. It started south of Mexicali and the rupture moved northwest."

Building construction has also improved in northern Mexico, a region with a history of quakes, said Carlos Valdes, chief of the Mexican National Seismological Service.

"People see that it always shakes and have improved their construction capacity," Valdes said. "Then when the construc-

tion codes are implemented, there is stricter control, especially in larger structures."

Still, at least 45 businesses and dozens of homes were destroyed in Mexicali, a bustling commercial center along Mexico's border with California where the quake hit hardest, said Baja California state Gov. Jose Guadalupe Osuna.

A 94-year-old man was killed when a wall collapsed in his home in the city, and a homeless man died when the abandoned home he was living in collapsed in a farming community, Osuna said.

Most of the destruction was in small farming communities on the outskirts of Mexicali.

Now 16, Elian Gonzalez shown at Cuba youth meeting

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba has released photos of one-time exile cause celebre Elian Gonzalez wearing an olive-green military school uniform and attending a Young Communist Union congress.

Gonzalez, now 16 with closely cropped black hair, is shown serious-faced with fellow youth delegates during last weekend's congress at a sprawling and drab convention center in western Havana. The images were posted Monday on Cuban government Web sites, then widely picked up by electronic, state-controlled media.

When he was 5, Elian was found floating off the coast of Florida in an inner tube after his mother and others fleeing Cuba drowned trying to reach the U.S. Elian's father, who was separated from his mother, had remained in Cuba.

U.S. immigration officials ruled the boy should return to Cuba over the objections of his Miami relatives and other Cuban exiles, creating a national



Elian Gonzalez holds a Cuban flag during the UJC, Union of Young Communists, congress in Havana Sunday April 4, 2010.

furor that caused even presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore to weigh in on the matter.

His relatives refused to give him up. Federal agents raided the Little Havana home of his uncle with guns drawn 10 years ago this month and seized the boy from a closet to return him to his father.

Elian was celebrated as a hero in Cuba upon his return

and his father, restaurant employee Juan Miguel Gonzalez, was elected to parliament—a seat he retains today.

Cuba usually marks Gonzalez's birthday every Dec. 7 with parades and other local events, but such activities are not open to foreign reporters.

Gonzalez formally joined the Young Communist Union in 2008, making headlines across Cuba.

ASIAN BRIEFS

China executes Japanese for drug smuggling

BEIJING (AP)—China executed a Japanese man for drug smuggling, the country's top court announced Tuesday, the first execution of a Japanese citizen since the countries established relations in 1972. The Supreme People's Court said Mitsunobu Akano was executed in Liaoning province after being convicted of trying to smuggle drugs from China, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. It gave no other details. Japanese media reports said that Akano was 65 and that three other Japanese men are on death row in China for drug smuggling. Calls to the Supreme Court and to the High Court in Liaoning were not answered Tuesday.

US consulate attacked in northwest Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—Islamist militants unleashed a car bomb and grenade attack against a U.S. consulate in northwestern Pakistan on Monday, killing four people and striking back after months of American missile strikes against Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in the region. Hours earlier, a suicide bomber killed 45 people and wounded more than 70 at a rally by a secular political party in the northwest that has supported recent Pakistani army offensives in the region close to Afghanistan, where the United States is battling a related insurgency. The attacks follow a lull in violence since the beginning of the year, illustrating the

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WORLD BRIEFS

Official: Britain to hold national election May 6

LONDON (AP)—Britain's first national election in five years will take place on May 6, Prime Minister Gordon Brown planned to announce Tuesday, launching a monthlong campaign that could end in his ouster and the return of the opposition Conservative Party to power for the first time in 13 years. After months of anticipation over the election date, Brown will finally play his hand, traveling to Buckingham Palace to ask Queen Elizabeth II for permis-

sion to dissolve Parliament and call the first national vote since 2005. A Labour Party official, who requested anonymity to discuss the announcement in advance, confirmed Brown would announce a May 6 poll on Tuesday, after a morning meeting of his Cabinet and an audience with the queen.

Ill Nigerian president meets Christian leaders

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Nigeria's ill and long unseen president met briefly with Christian religious leaders Monday,

still physically weak but "able to grunt out an amen," a pastor who took part in the visit said. Pastor Emmanuel Kure of the Thronerom Trust Ministry in Kaduna state he and three other Christian leaders met for "about five to 10 minutes" with Umaru Yar'Adua at the nation's presidential palace in Abuja. Kure said he and the other leaders received separate requests to attend the meeting on behalf of the presidency. The leaders led a prayer to God on the behalf of Yar'Adua, a Muslim from the country's Islamic north.

Campus Life

What parents should know about school libraries

Learning today means more than memorizing facts. It means learning to learn for a lifetime. Savvy parents and educators know that the school library media center is key to teaching students not just to read but to practice the skills they need to seek, evaluate and use information throughout their lives. In fact, research shows those students from schools with professionally staffed, fully equipped libraries score higher on achievement tests.

Does your child's school library measure up?

The best way to find out is to pay a visit and ask the following questions suggested by the American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association:

- Is there a state-certified full-time school library media specialist?
- Does your child have access to the school library anytime during the day that he/she needs to use its resources? Does the library offer remote access from home via computer?
- Does your child visit the school library frequently with his/her class? Individually? In



(CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

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small groups?

- Is the school library an attractive and convenient space where children can work individually and in small groups?
- Does the school library have a wide range of resources in a va-

riety of formats—books, computers, audio and videotapes—that appeal to different learning styles?

- Does the library have the hardware and software to provide access to the Internet and other electronic resources?

- Are the resource materials in the school library current? Are the encyclopedias less than three years old?

- Is the school library budget adequate to provide a full range of both print and elec-

tronic resources?

- Are children encouraged to read, view and listen both for understanding and enjoyment?

- Are school administrators knowledgeable and supportive of the school library?

- Does the school provide ongoing training to support teachers and staff in learning about new technologies?

- Are teachers encouraged to work with the school library media specialist to extend learning opportunities beyond the textbook and classroom?

- Is there a process for ongoing evaluation of the school library?

How you can support your child's education

Visit your school library. Is there a qualified librarian available to work with students? Are the books and resources up to date? Children cannot be educated to live and work in the 21st century using resources from the 1970s. Let your principal and school board know of your concerns.

- Get to know your school library media specialist. Ask what the needs are and how you can help. Donations of books and

equipment such as computers and video players may be welcome. Offer to volunteer your time.

- Join the Friends of the Library, a support group of volunteers who provide fundraising and other assistance. If there is no group, offer to start one.

- Help your child be school ready. Enroll your preschool child in storyhours and other programs at the public library. Make sure your child has a library card and knows how to use it. Read together with your child. Research shows that children who are read to in the home do better in school.

- Be a role model. Let your child see you reading at home. Help your child explore new technology. Many school and public libraries make computers available for public use. Feel free to ask for assistance.

- Support legislators who support libraries and education. Let them know you think the two go together and should be a high priority.

Source: *Tips from the American Library Association*

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aasliissues/toolkits/whatparentsshould.cfm>

Think local when sniffing out scholarship opportunities

By NICOLE PAITSEL
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It's not uncommon to hear of unwon scholarship awards just waiting for a lone student application. But how do you tap into this seemingly free money?

"There really is a lot of money out there," says Penny Petersen, director of school counseling for the city of Hampton, Va. "But a lot of young people won't follow through with an application process for \$500 or \$1,000. They don't think it's worth the time, especially if there is an essay involved. But when they go to buy their college books for the first time, they realize how much they need that \$500."

Experienced parents will tell you that finding that money is its own homework assignment. But if you're diligent—and juniors, you should start looking now, say most guidance counselors—anyone can get financial help, says Petersen.

"I don't want students to think that they can't get a scholarship because they don't consider themselves the brightest of the bright," Petersen says. "Don't be scared of the competition. There are scholarships for everyone."

And the best way to find that money is to concentrate on your local contacts.

"Most of the scholarships are not from national searches," Ed Irish writes on his financial aid blog. Irish is the director of financial aid at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg.

"They come from local sources

such as high schools, community organizations, parents' employers and places of worship," he says.

Here are a few opportunities to get you started.

Look for volunteers

Where there are active volunteers, there is fundraising. And a portion of that money often goes into creating scholarships for local students. Think about local organizations in your neighborhood. Ask family friends for suggestions, and conduct an Internet search for local volunteer clubs.

- Kiwanis. Many Kiwanis chapters offer scholarships, so be sure to check with all of the local clubs.

- Lions Club. Like Kiwanis chapters, many Lions Clubs offer scholarships.

- Fraternities, sororities and alumni groups.

- Community groups and foundations.

Think about your associations

When you're searching for college scholarships, try to think of every association and membership you have. Churches, neighborhood associations and credit unions commonly offer scholarship opportunities to members.

Ask your employer

Many companies have scholarship programs in place, so, make you're your parents, talk to their human resources department about opportunities.

Think about your goals

If you're entering college with a career track in mind, seek out profession-specific scholarships. From engineering to hospitality to teaching, professional organizations work to further their field by offering financial aid to promising students.

You can find links to more profession-based scholarships at dailypress.com/savvyblog.

Rely on the school

Guidance counselors are the best resource for students and their parents. Many school districts pass out scholarship bulletins to their high school seniors and gather the information on their Web sites.

If you know which school you or you will attend, be sure to check the school's Web site.

A face-to-face interview with a college financial aid officer is always a good idea as well.

Visit these Web sites

A number of experienced parents, as well as Petersen, recommend the nationally focused Web sites fastweb.com and collegeboard.com for scholarship searches that go beyond Hampton Roads.

Petersen recommends that students start searching for scholarships as early as their sophomore year.

"Waiting until the end of your first semester of your senior year is not a good time," she says. "You're in panic mode. You really need to get serious about it during your junior year of high school. And parents of sophomores should start putting their lists together, with due dates, too."

CHAMORRO LANGUAGE CHAMPS



Above, Joey San Nicolas, Wilhelmina Cing, and Mary Grace Atalig show off their gold, silver, and bronze medals in the essay competition of the 2010 Chamorro Language Competition, held March 6, 2010, in Guam.

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Carlyn Hofschneider earns a silver award in the oratorical category of the Middle School Division of the 2010 Chamorro Language Competition, held March 6, 2010, in Guam.

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Life & Style

In social dealings, being OLDER is being WISER

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
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WASHINGTON (AP)—It turns out grandma was right: Listen to your elders. New research indicates they are indeed wise—in knowing how to deal with conflicts and accepting life's uncertainties and change.

It isn't a question of how many facts someone knows, or being able to operate a TV remote, but rather how to handle disagreements—social wisdom.

And researchers led by Richard E. Nisbett of the University of Michigan found that older people were more likely than younger or middle-aged ones to recognize that values differ, to acknowledge uncertainties, to accept that things change over time and to acknowledge others' points of view.

"Age effects on wisdom hold at every level of social class, education, and IQ," they report in Tuesday's edition of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

In modern America, older people generally don't have greater knowl-

edge about computers and other technology, Nisbett acknowledged, "but our results do indicate that the elderly have some advantages for analysis of social problems."

"I hope our results will encourage people to assume that older people may have something to contribute for thinking about social problems," Nisbett said.

In one part of the study the researchers recruited 247 people in Michigan, divided into groups aged 25-to-40, 41-to-59 and 60 plus.

Participants were given fictitious reports about conflict between groups in a foreign country and asked what they thought the outcome would be.

For example, one of the reports said that because of the economic growth of Tajikistan, many people from Kyrgyzstan moved to that country. While Kyrgyz people tried to preserve their customs, Tajiks wanted them to assimilate fully and abandon their customs.

The responses were then rated by

researchers who did not know which individual or age group a response came from. Ratings were based on things like searching for compromise, flexibility, taking others' perspective and searching for conflict resolution.

About 200 of the participants joined in a second session, and a third session was conducted using 141 scholars, psychotherapists, clergy and consulting professionals.

The study concluded that economic status, education and IQ also were significantly related to increased wisdom, but they found that "academics were no wiser than nonacademics" with similar education levels.

While the researchers expected wisdom to increase with age they were surprised at how strong the results were for disputes in society, Nisbett said. "There is a very large advantage for older people over younger people for those."

Lynn A. Hasher, a psychology professor at the University of Toronto, called the study "the single best dem-

onstration of a long-held view that wisdom increases with age."

"What I think is most important about the paper is that it shows a major benefit that accrues with aging—rather than the mostly loss-based findings reported in psychology. As such, it provides a richer base of understanding of aging processes. It also suggests the critical importance of workplaces' maintaining the opportunity for older employees to continue to contribute," said Hasher, who was not part of the research team.

Lead author Nisbett, co-director of the University of Michigan's Culture and Cognition Program, is 68 and his team of co-authors ranged in age from mid-20s to mid-50s.

The research was supported by the Russell Sage Foundation, National Institute on Aging and the National Science Foundation Grant.

AP Science Writer Randolph E. Schmid, now in his seventh decade, found this research far more compelling than he might have at age 20.

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Jackson doctor's case assigned to LA trial judge

By **LINDA DEUTSCH**
AP SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The involuntary manslaughter case against Michael Jackson's cardiologist was assigned to a trial judge Monday in a brief proceeding that drew fans and family members of the late pop star.

Dr. Conrad Murray, his attorneys and prosecutors assembled before Supervising Superior Court Judge Peter Espinoza, who in moments assigned the case to Judge Michael Pastor and sent them to his courtroom.

Pastor scheduled a June 14 court date to take up remaining procedural issues including the setting of a date for a preliminary hearing and Murray's fight to keep his California medical license.

The state attorney general, representing the state medical board, has moved to revoke Murray's license pending trial.

Earlier, about 50 Jackson fans waved signs and chanted outside the courthouse.

The fans sang "We Are the World," wore T-shirts emblazoned with Jackson's picture and the slogan, "Justice 4 Michael," and carried placards demanding stronger charges against Murray.

Fans in a courthouse hallway called out "Hi Janet" as Jackson's sister Janet arrived. The late pop star's parents, Joe and Katherine, and brother Jermaine also attended.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison.

Normally, such a procedural hearing would draw few spectators.

But with Jackson's death as the backdrop, crowds of fans and media were expected, and Jackson family members have committed to attending all court proceedings against Murray.

Sandi Gibbons, spokeswoman for the district attorney's office, said the Jackson family notified court officials that up to 15 courtroom seats would be needed.

"It's basically a housekeeping hearing, but it will be the housekeeping hearing heard around the world," said Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson. "There is no detail too



Dr. Conrad Murray, accused of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Michael Jackson appears at a procedural hearing, Monday, April 5, 2010, at the Los Angeles Superior Court downtown Los Angeles.

minute for the international media."

Murray's attorneys contend the license issue is critical to his ability to pay for his defense.

The doctor has a history of serious financial problems and his attorneys, Ed Chernoff and Joseph Low, said in a recent court filing that the effect of losing his license would be devastating to Murray.

"He is, without fear of overstatement, hanging on by a thread," the attorneys wrote. "His ability to pay for his own defense depends almost entirely on his ability to continue to treat patients."

Murray, 57, a cardiologist, has clin-

ics in Las Vegas and Houston and also has a license to practice in California. Should his California license be lifted, his lawyers suggest there would be a "domino effect" with other states moving to do the same.

Already, Nevada authorities have filed a formal complaint against Murray saying he twice failed to mention delinquent child support payments on applications to renew his medical license. Miranda Sevcik, spokeswoman for Murray and Chernoff, says Murray's legal team hopes to resolve the complaint in a way that allows the doctor to keep his license.

Healthy Domingo opens NY restaurant, ready to sing

By **VERENA DOBNIK**
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NEW YORK (AP)—Placido Domingo is back—ready to sing around the world.

But first, on Monday, the star tenor opened his new Manhattan restaurant—four weeks after colon cancer surgery.

"I was lucky to have the pain," said the 69-year-old Spaniard, who was forced to interrupt a busy international schedule after a tour in Japan, where he experienced severe pain in the abdominal area.

"And I also wasn't able to lift my left leg easily," he said as he picked it up off the chair, with a smile.

In fact, they were fortuitous symptoms that spurred him to fly to New York, where his primary physician at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Dr. Valentin Fuster, quickly diagnosed a malignant polyp in the colon.

"And he said, 'There's no way you're going on to London!'" Domingo said.

Instead, the cancerous tissue was surgically removed on March 2.

Looking rested and tanned on Monday night, Domingo chatted during a private opening party for the new East Side restaurant Zengo, which he co-owns with restaurateur Richard Sandoval. It starts serving meals to the public on Tuesday.

Amid talk of tapas and tequila, Domingo addressed a much more serious subject: colonoscopies.

He said he had never had one before and on a warm, festive spring evening, issued an urgent appeal: "Every person in this world should have a colonoscopy! I want to say to people, just do it!"

In the early stages, people with colon cancer often have no symptoms at all—one reason doctors rec-



In this July 26, 2009 file photo tenor Placido Domingo pose on the grid prior to the start of the Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix at the Hungaroring circuit near Budapest, Hungary.

ommend screening.

Domingo said he was simply lucky, and when his cancer was caught it was localized and had not spread.

He said he did not require chemotherapy or radiation, just a six-week break from singing during which he rested at his Manhattan apartment and his home in Acapulco, Mexico.

Domingo is to fly to Italy later this week to rehearse Verdi's opera "Simon Boccanegra" at Milan's Teatro alla Scala, singing the title role for six performances starting April 16. Also in April, he's appearing in recitals in Moscow and the capital of Qatar, Doha.

He'll do more than sing in Doha. He'll also enjoy the food—at two Doha restaurants he and Sandoval co-own.

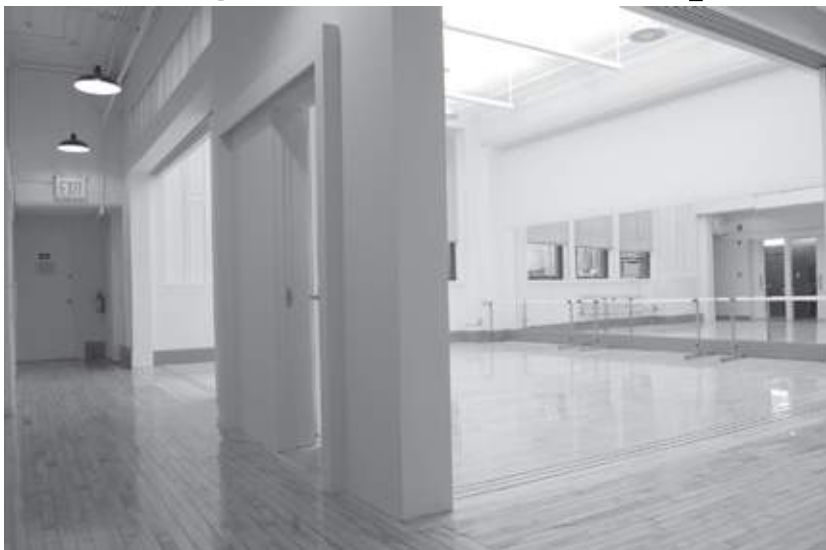
Charity to give \$100M in grants for new art spaces

By **ULA ILNYTZKY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Artists and arts organizations across America are getting help with creating projects and spaces for performance, exhibition and other purposes in culturally diverse neighborhoods through a 10-year, \$100 million grant program announced Monday by the Ford Foundation.

The foundation said its Supporting Diverse Art Spaces initiative will revitalize local economies by promoting strong cultural environments, noting that support for the arts is even more vital in the current economic downturn.

"There are leading arts and cultural organizations in our communities that are powerful cultural forces but that don't have permanent homes or adequate spaces where they can create and produce their work," said foundation President Luis Ubinas. "We want to work with these organizations to establish lasting and sustainable centers of artistic excellence that match the dignity of their creative work."



This May 4, 2009 photo provided by the Chen Dance Center in New York's Chinatown neighborhood shows a dance studio with retractable walls within the dance center, which received a Ford Foundation grant in 2008.

Under the initiative, the foundation has already awarded a \$1 million grant to the Minneapolis-based Artspace Projects to turn an abandoned 1890s East Harlem high school into artist housing and a hub for com-

munity arts, in partnership with the New York community group El Barrio's Operation Fightback.

"This particular project has a potential of being a real cultural jewel for the city of New York," Clyde Valentin,

executive director of Hip Hop Theater Festival which would occupy space in the building, said in a video produced on the project.

The arts spaces could include artist studios, community meeting spaces, and any other facilities where artistic work can be created and produced.

Past projects that the Ford Foundation has supported and which were the impetus for the new grant program initiative include the expansion and renovation of new dance studios and community space for the Chen Dance Center in New York's Chinatown and the expansion of programming at the Pregones Theater in the South Bronx, a hub for Latino artists and culture.

The foundation said the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the economic downturn had nearly devastated the dance center.

In Seattle, the new initiative is giving \$250,000 to the Wing Luke Asian Museum, the country's only pan-Asian-American museum, so it can address its long-term sustainability. It recently moved into a permanent facility in a renovated historic hotel that housed Asian immigrant workers in the early 1900s.

CBS: Won't pull punches with Tiger Woods

NEW YORK (AP)—CBS' sports chief promises the network won't pull punches in talking about the Tiger Woods sex scandal during coverage of this year's Masters golf tournament.

CBS News and Sports President Sean McManus said Monday that "this year Tiger's story is a major factor in the golf tournament and we are going to cover it fully."

CBS presents live coverage of the last two rounds of the tournament this weekend. It will be Woods' first time back at competitive golf since the story involving his multiple mistresses and troubled marriage unfolded. If Woods makes the cut and is among the leaders this weekend, McManus acknowledged the tournament will get some extraordinary ratings.

McManus said nobody at the Masters has talked to him about Woods' role in the CBS coverage, and he's given no instructions to his announcers.

Leibovitz accused anew of not paying her bills

By JENNIFER PELTZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Photographer Annie Leibovitz is facing new accusations of balking at bills, less than a month after she struck a deal intended to resolve financial problems that had risked her rights to some of pop culture's most famous images.

Investment firm Brunswick Capital Partners LP said in a lawsuit filed Friday that Leibovitz owes more than \$800,000 in fees for its help arranging her recent financing agreement with another firm, Colony Capital LLC. Through a spokesman, Leibovitz declined to comment Monday.

New York-based Brunswick said it "made exhaustive efforts" to link Leibovitz with investors who could help her out of a financial hole that had threatened to cost her control of her life's work.

Leibovitz has photographed figures ranging from Bruce Springsteen to Queen Elizabeth during her 40-year career. Sometimes theatrical, often provocative, her work includes such famous images as a nude and very pregnant Demi Moore, and a nude John Lennon cuddling with a clothed Yoko Ono hours before his death.

Designated a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress, she made but mismanaged a fortune. By last summer, she was struggling to repay a \$24 million loan, with her three historic Man-



In this Oct. 29, 2009 file photo, U.S. photographer Annie Leibovitz poses for the media, prior to a media tour through her exhibition "Annie Leibovitz - A Photographer's Life 1990 - 2005", at Kunsthaus Gallery in Vienna.

hattan townhouses and the copyright to all her pictures on the line.

"As a result of its diligent efforts, Brunswick Capital successfully found several interested and viable investors"—including Colony, according to the lawsuit, filed in a Manhattan state court.

Santa Monica, California-based

Colony agreed last month to help manage Leibovitz's debt and market her portfolio. She retained total control of her work in the deal, which Brunswick Capital says is worth more than \$40 million. Colony declined to comment.

The lawsuit seeks more than \$803,000.

Lance Burton, Monte Carlo splitting after 14 years

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Citing "irreconcilable differences," illusionist Lance Burton said Monday he is ending his run at the Monte Carlo hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip after 14 years, well short of a six-year contract extension he signed last year.

His last show will be Sept. 4, hotel officials said.

Burton, 50, has performed at the Monte Carlo since the day it opened in 1996. On Monday, he compared the union to a marriage and the split to a divorce.

"People get married and get divorced every day, and a lot of times when people get divorced, they'll say it's 'irreconcilable differences,'" Burton told The Associated Press.

"That's kind of what we have here. I think we've just grown apart, we have different philosophies, and we're going in different directions."

Burton declined to elaborate but said he and casino officials had different philosophies about how to put on a show.

"The question that I have to ask myself is, 'Do I stay in this relationship and potentially be very unhappy in the long run?' Or do we just say, 'You know what? It's time for us to move on,'" he said. "And that's what I decided to do."

Burton told the AP in June that he considered every option before signing the extension through 2015 but ul-

timately felt he had a few more shows in him.

Monte Carlo owner MGM Mirage did not immediately give a reason for Burton's departure.

"We are proud to have called Lance a member of the MGM Mirage family and wish him nothing but the best as he pursues a new chapter in his legendary career," Anton Nikodemus, president and chief operating officer of Monte Carlo, said in a statement.

Burton started in Las Vegas 28 years ago with an eight-week trial engagement at "Les Folies Bergere," which turned into a nine-year run for him at the Tropicana hotel-casino. The topless revue closed last year after 49 years.

Judge settles key issues in Hopper divorce case

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dennis Hopper's estranged wife and daughter can live on his property while the couple resolve their bitter divorce case and the actor fights prostate cancer, a judge ruled Monday.

Superior Court Judge Amy Pellman also ordered the actor to pay \$12,000 a month in spousal and child support.

Hopper, 73, did not attend the hearing but was repeatedly described by his attorney as "desperately ill."

Hopper's three adult children from previous marriages attended but did not speak.

Pellman sternly told both sides they needed to come together during what appeared to be Hopper's final days.

"It's never one-sided," Pellman said of the family turmoil. "There needs to be street-cleaning on both sides of this street."

The judge noted the couple's 7-year-old daughter is about to undergo the traumatic loss of her father and the rhetoric should be toned down.

"Having her extended family in a war with her mother is not in her best interests," Pellman said.

The rulings came after two months of bickering in court filings, including allegations of abuse by both sides, and

jockeying for financial position.

The couple has been married for nearly 14 years. Hopper, star of films such as "Easy Rider" and "Speed," filed for divorce in January.

"It's heartbreaking and I hope it can be amicably resolved," Victoria Duffy Hopper said after the hearing.

She has been living in a house at her husband's Venice compound, which is also home to one of his adult children.

She said in court filings the divorce was an attempt to cut her out of her inheritance, an accusation that has been denied.

Hopper's attorney, Joseph Mannis, said after the hearing that he was happy with the outcome, aside from the judge awarding Victoria Hopper \$200,000 in attorney and accountant fees.

He said his side did not intend to further contest the spousal or child support orders but was preparing for a fight over the couple's prenuptial agreement.

The agreement calls for Victoria Hopper to lose her stake in her husband's estate if they are divorced or not living together when he dies.

Another hearing on how to divide Hopper's life insurance policy will be held in May.



In this May 22, 2008 file photo, American actor Dennis Hopper and his wife Victoria Duffy Hopper arrive at the amfAR's annual Cinema Against AIDS 2008 gala at Le Moulin de Mougins, southern France.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Apple sells over 300,000 iPads on day of debut

CUPERTINO, California (AP)—

Apple says it sold more than 300,000 iPads on Saturday, the day it debuted across the country. Sales included pre-orders of the iPad, a new type of touch-screen device that blends features of the iPhone, electronic book readers and tablet computers. Prices start at \$499 for iPads that connect to the Internet through Wi-Fi. Apple will sell costlier iPads with cellular data connections later this month. Apple says that iPad owners downloaded over a million applications from its app store and more than 250,000 electronic books on Saturday. Apple's CEO Steve Jobs says the iPad is going to be a game changer. Its shares are down 17 cents to \$235.80 in premarket trading.

Illness forces Whitney Houston to postpone concert

NEW YORK (AP)—Illness has led

to a brief postponement of Whitney Houston's European tour. The singer had been due to kick it off in Paris on Tuesday. But a statement released Monday by her representative says an upper respiratory infection is forcing Houston to bow out of that show on doctors' orders. The statement says Houston "deeply regrets having been forced to postpone the show." The tour will start in Manchester, England, on Thursday. She plans to make up the Paris date. This is the latest problem for Houston on her world tour for her platinum comeback album, "I Look to You." Some earlier performances have been negatively received by some fans and the media, leading to concerns about her health. But Houston has said she is in great shape.

Sting, John Legend to help lead Earth Day rally

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sting and John Legend are set to headline an Earth Day rally in Washington, along with "Avatar" director James Cameron and the Rev. Jes-

se Jackson. Organizers are announcing the initial lineup for the April 25 climate rally on Monday. Olympic gold medalist skier Billy Demong is scheduled to appear, along with musicians and elected leaders. The group Earth Day Network is planning a week of events April 17 to April 25 to press for climate change legislation. Singer Melissa Etheridge will headline an event April 21. Another gathering will mark the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22.

Aldean, Lady A, Sugarland lead CMT nominations

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Jason Aldean, Lady Antebellum and Sugarland each are up for four CMT Music Awards. Six other country music acts received three nominations apiece. Country Music Television announced eight nominees in most categories Monday and fans can vote at the network's Web site until May 3 to narrow each to four finalists. Voting for a winner in all categories except video of the year will

start May 11. The finalists for video of the year, which includes 10 nominees, will be announced at the start of the June 9 awards show and fans will vote by text message. Aldean's "The Truth" and Lady A's "Need You Now" are up for video of the year along with cuts from Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, Miranda Lambert, Brad Paisley, Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban and Zac Brown Band.

Edie Falco set for off-B'way in 'This Wide Night'

NEW YORK (AP)—From mobster wife to a woman recently released from jail—with a stop in-between as Showtime's "Nurse Jackie." Edie Falco will portray an ex-prison inmate in Chloe Moss' "This Wide Night," opening May 16 at the Peter Jay Sharp Theatre in a production from Naked Angels, the off-Broadway theater company announced Monday. The play, directed by Anne Kauffman, previously was seen in London. Falco's co-star in "This

Wide Night" is Alison Pill, who recently starred as Annie Sullivan in the Broadway revival of "The Miracle Worker." The 46-year-old Falco is in her second season as the title character in "Nurse Jackie." She was Carmela Soprano on HBO's "The Sopranos."

NBC renews 'Marriage Ref,' 2 other reality shows

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Three new NBC television reality shows are coming back for another season. The network said Monday that it's renewed "The Marriage Ref," "Minute to Win It" and "Who Do You Think You Are?" for the 2010-11 season. Two of the shows have celebrities behind them: Jerry Seinfeld is executive producer of the comedy panel series "The Marriage Ref," while Lisa Kudrow has that role for "Who Do You Think You Are?" which looks at stars' family trees. "Minute to Win It," with TV chef Guy Fieri as host, is a competition series with a top prize of \$1 million.



UNHCR goodwill ambassador Angelina Jolie, left, and Brad Pitt, right, visit refugees in the village of Medjedja, near the eastern Bosnian town of Visegrad, 70 kilometers (43 miles) east of Sarajevo, Monday, April 5, 2010.

Jolie, Pitt visit people displaced by Bosnian war

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)—Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt visited Bosnia on Monday, intending to spotlight the plight of 117,000 people who have not been able to return to their homes, even though the Bosnia war ended 15 years ago.

But they tried to do so while evading the spotlight themselves: There were no reported media sightings of the celebrity couple.

The two arrived Sunday evening, said Aida Prljaca, the spokeswoman for the United Nations High Commissioner

for Refugees in Sarajevo.

Jolie, who has been a UNHCR ambassador since 2001, will visit projects meant to help Bosnians who cannot return home, either because their homes have not been rebuilt or the infrastructure in their villages has not been

repaired. Some 7,000 people live in dozens of refugee centers throughout the country. The other 110,000 live primarily with relatives or in rented housing.

Jolie is currently filming "The Tourist" with Johnny Depp in Italy.



AP
In this photo provided by NBC Universal, former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich appears on NBC's "Today" show to talk about his recent firing on the "Celebrity Apprentice", in New York, on Monday.

Blagojevich fired from 'Celebrity Apprentice'

NEW YORK (AP)—Rod Blagojevich has been fired again. The former Illinois governor, whom state lawmakers ousted from office last year, has been kicked off the reality television show "Celebrity Apprentice."

"Apprentice" boss Donald Trump fired him after Blagojevich (blah-GOY'-uh-vich) struggled as team leader in creating an interactive display.

As on a previous episode, technology posed a surprising hurdle for Blagojevich. On Sunday's show, he had trouble sending text messages and e-mail.

Blagojevich explained his difficulties using cell phones and computers on Chicago's WLS-AM radio Monday. The 53-year-old says his generation didn't grow up with "all that stuff."

Madonna visits Malawi for a charity tour

LILONGWE, Malawi (AP)—Madonna has arrived in Malawi ahead of her week-long charity tour.

According to an official program released by the pop star's charity, Raising Malawi, Madonna is scheduled Monday to visit the Millennium Village, a United

Nations initiative in the central border district west of Lilongwe.

Madonna will be joined by economist Jeffrey Sachs, a development affairs expert and mentor of the initiative. On Tuesday, she will lay the first brick of her Raising Malawi Academy for Girls, signaling

the official commencement of construction of the \$15 million academy, set to open in 2011.

Madonna has pumped millions into this impoverished southern African country and become very active in charitable efforts; she has also adopted two children from Malawi.

'Idol' castoff has critiques for show's judges

NEW YORK (AP)—Now that Didi Benami knows she won't be the next "American Idol," she has some criticism for the judges.

"I would say be more consistent just like they told me," the 23-year-old Benami said.

Early in the competition the judges liked her unique singing style, but over time changed their tune.

Last week, they panned Benami's performance of "What Becomes of the Broken Hearted," calling it "old fashioned," "overdone" and "dramatic."

Benami, a Tennessee native

who moved to Los Angeles to pursue singing in 2005, also thinks the judges could tone down their reactions.

"I would tell them to not be as harsh because some of the things they said were really, really hurtful and not necessary."

Simon Cowell also compared Benami's performance last week to "swimming through a bowl full of jelly" as in, it wasn't easy.

Benami will get to tour this summer as a part of the "Idol" Top 10. There are nine contestants left in the singing competition.



AP
American Idol contestant Didi Benami poses for a photograph in New York on Monday.

Nicollette Sheridan sues producer of 'Housewives'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Nicollette Sheridan, the actress who played a divorced real estate agent in ABC's "Desperate Housewives" filed suit Monday against the show's creator and producer alleging assault and wrongful termination.

In the lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, Sheridan claims that producer Marc Cherry hit her in the face on the Wisteria Lane set in September 2008.

Sheridan had asked Cherry

about a line in the script, and he "took her aside and forcefully hit her with his hand across her face and head," the suit said. After she stormed off to her trailer, he came to "beg forgiveness."

When she reported the incident to ABC, Cherry retaliated by killing off her character, Edie Britt, in the popular series, Sheridan claims. The lawsuit, which also names ABC, accuses Cherry of creating a hostile work environment on the set and behaving ag-

gressively and abusively toward the cast and the writers.

When Teri Hatcher, who plays Susan Meyer on the show, spoke to ABC executives about Cherry's behavior, Cherry told Sheridan, "I hope Teri Hatcher gets hit by a car and dies."

Sheridan argued that her character was one of the lead characters of the show, and was getting more airtime that season. Edie Britt is not featured in the show's opening credits.

Naked 9-year-old makes his sister's life difficult

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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DEAR ABBY: My brother is 9 and still walks around naked. I have asked "Josh" repeatedly to put on some clothes, but he blows me off and flaunts himself around the house.

My mother is no help. When I ask her to talk to him, she laughs and says, "Boys will be boys." Abby, I'm 13 and it is starting to freak me out. Am I being paranoid, or am I right to want him to put on a pair of boxers or something?



Dear Abby

OLDER SISTER IN MCALLEN, TEXAS

DEAR OLDER SISTER: Your mother is right about one thing: Boys WILL be boys. Your brother is acting like an immature child who's enjoying teasing his sister.

On the other hand, she's wrong to laugh off your discomfort. One reason children have parents is so someone can teach them respect for the feelings of others. At 9, Josh is too big to ignore, and at 13, you are no longer a little girl. If he wants to be naked in his bedroom, fine and dandy. But when he's in the rooms shared by everyone, he should cover up. And if he doesn't, there should be consequences.

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DEAR ABBY: My ex-mother-in-law died unexpectedly three weeks ago. We were very close, and I handled most of the arrangements. She left no will, so my ex-husband and I did our best to provide what we thought she would have wanted.

We chose to have Mom cremated, but decided to have a short open viewing at the funeral home for her grandchildren's benefit. We wanted them to realize Grandma was no longer in her body.

This morning I was shocked to receive a phone call from the funeral parlor saying they have received a letter from one of Mom's co-workers, expressing that she felt the viewing was disrespectful and in bad taste. Abby, we chose to display her body on a table with blankets. We didn't think spending hundreds of dollars for a coffin for the four-hour viewing was justified, nor did we think Mom would have wanted us to do that. Was it inappropriate?

SLAPPED IN THE FACE IN MONTANA

DEAR SLAPPED IN THE FACE: There was nothing disrespectful or inappropriate about the way your ex-mother-in-law's body was displayed. And you were wise not to spend a lot of money on a casket that was to be used only for a viewing.

I applaud your courage to do things differently. Please let that presumptuous woman's criticism roll off your backs.

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DEAR ABBY: I work for a nonprofit organization, and once a month we convene early in the morning for a staff meeting. To make up for the fact that we are meeting earlier than usual, departments take turns providing breakfast. This has turned into a contest to see who can bring the most elaborate breakfast.

Frankly, it's all I can do to get breakfast on the table for my own family without the added pressure of having to provide something for my "work family." The one-upmanship and back-stabbing is bad enough without having to become Martha Stewart in the process. Please comment.

EGGS-ASPERATED IN NEW YORK

DEAR EGGS-ASPERATED: I can see how something like that could get out of hand. Someone must break the cycle—so why not you? When your department's turn rolls around, either order something you can pick up the night before or the morning of the meeting, or bring in fruit, granola and yogurt so your colleagues can have a healthy breakfast. And don't apologize for it.

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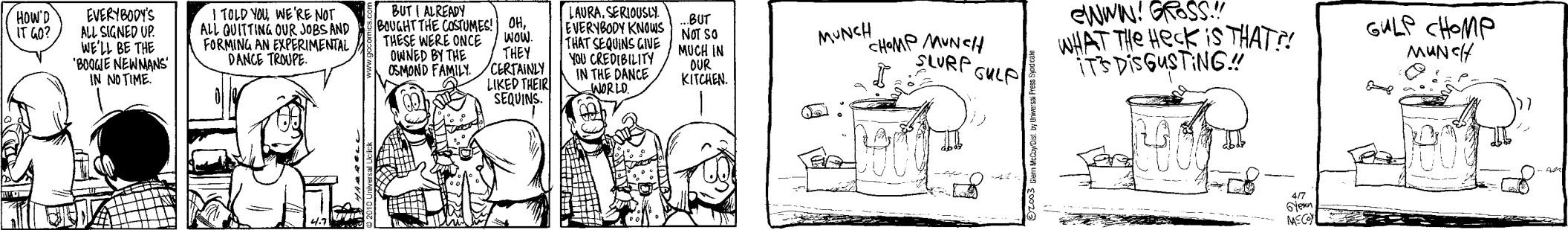
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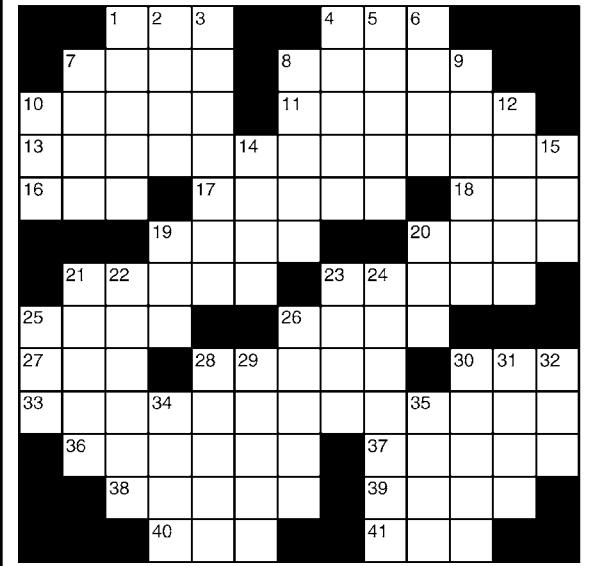


CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Sticking to the task at hand will prove you have what it takes to be a leader. Productivity will be your ticket to the next level. Set your sights on what you desire and you won't be disappointed. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you have been too busy to enjoy life, you may want to finish what's pressing and plan to take a little time out of your hectic schedule. You will less- en your stress and know what you should be doing in the future to make your life better. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Experienc- ing different philosophies or ways of do- ing things will help you decipher how you want to lead your life and do things in the future. You thrive on change and will find that, without it, you will become bored. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tighten your money belt and refuse to let anyone stick you with an expense that doesn't belong to you. Don't fall for a fast-talking person who wants a donation. Concentrate more on your job and increasing your income. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sharing and car- ing will make a difference in reaching your goals. An even split is important if you don't want to face problems or possible sab- otage at a later date. Be precise when explaining what needs to be done. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make sure you have checked everything out thor- oughly before making a decision that will affect your future. There are plenty of opportuni- ties that can add to your quality of life if you are willing to make a commitment. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have to take action if you want things to go your way. Expect opposition but don't give in to pressure. You can make changes to your home or living conditions that will increase your emo- tional well-being. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scale back and refrain from making unnecessary changes. You must not let emotional up- set lead to an argument; the repercussions will affect your status or your lifestyle. You will make gains if you keep your life simple and within your means. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to whatever rules and regulations are set and you will avoid trouble. An un- expected change will be due to overindulgence, overspending or overreacting. An ex-friend or companion is likely to cause trouble. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The more time you spend making your home a place of comfort and entertainment, the

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closer your family will become. Take on a re- sponsibility so you can control the situation. An investment you make now can make a big differ- ence to your financial future. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Only take on what you know you can handle. No one can answer for you or do for you. You may not want to make the required changes to your life but, in the end, you will be happy you did. ***

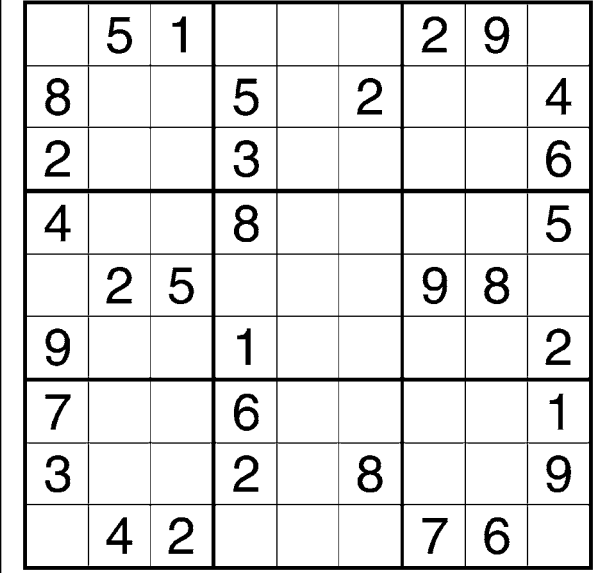
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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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9	6	2	5	3	8	7	4	1
7	2	3	8	6	1	4	5	9
6	5	8	3	9	4	1	7	2
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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizon- tally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Tiger says he's coming back to win at Augusta



AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—Tiger Woods got that first day at the Masters out of the way. The practice round. The news conference.

And now, time to “try to win this thing.”

Woods’ fellow players are sure ready to move on.

“As the tournament develops and goes through, the tournament will get in front,” Geoff Ogilvy predicted. “If he’s involved, it will be crazy. If not, the tournament will be the biggest thing here. By Sunday, that will be evident.”

“Hopefully,” Ogilvy added, “he’s in the competition—and that will make it really good.”

Woods’ return to golf for the first time since a Thanksgiving night crash exposed the sordid details of his personal life passed a major test Monday when he practiced in front of a largely forgiving gallery at Augusta National. Then he reported to the media center for a 35-minute news conference that was lacking in new details but big on charm and humility.

He dodged questions with what smacked of being rehearsed answers, refused to go into details about the therapy he sought or the state of his marriage, except to say his wife won’t be at Augusta National this week. But there was a touch of patience in his voice—and he tried to address every writer by name.

“I need to be a better man going forward than I was before,” he said. “And just because I’ve gone through treatment doesn’t mean it stops. I’m trying as hard as I possibly can each and every day to get my life better and better and stronger. And if I win championships along the way, so be it.”

One thing hasn’t changed.

Woods, a four-time champion who hasn’t hit a shot that mattered since Nov. 15, is not at the Masters simply to make amends.

“I’m going to go out there and try to win this thing,” he said.

It was a solid start in the process of restoring his image. Woods clearly was intent on mingling more with the fans than he did before the scandal. First, he putted a couple of balls to some kids watching alongside the 18th green. Then, a real surprise: He stopped to sign autographs while heading to the



Tiger Woods wipes his face during a press conference at the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., Monday, April 5, 2010. The tournament begins Thursday, April, 8.

practice range.

He had not played to a crowd since winning the Australian Masters in Melbourne, where fans saw him only as golf’s best player with 82 victories, 14 majors and no rival except history.

His world caved in 12 days later with a car accident outside his home that sent him to the hospital with a busted lip that required five stitches, and a shattered image that might take years to repair.

“A lot has happened in my life over the past five months,” said Woods, who provided a few details and denials in the 47 questions he fielded from reporters who occupied all 207 seats in the media center.

Among the revelations:

- He ruptured the Achilles’ tendon

in his right leg in December 2008, two months before his return from knee surgery. Woods said he was taking the painkiller Vicodin for that and his left knee.

- He began taking the prescription sleeping pill Ambien after his father died because he was having trouble sleeping.

- He was sent to an Orlando, Fla., hospital after his Nov. 27 accident for a sore neck and a cut lip.

- He denied ever taking human growth hormone, performance-enhancing drugs or “any illegal drug.” He said he sought out Canadian doctor Anthony Galea for “blood spinning” because of his treatment on other athletes.

Galea’s assistant was caught bringing HGH and other substances into the United States last year, and Woods said he will cooperate fully in the investigation.

As for the crowd on the course, the applause was rather muted as Woods approached each green, but there were no boos.

“I’m excited that he’s here,” said Ashley Hawkins, showing off a flag that Woods signed on his way to the practice range. “I’m really rooting for him to win. His personal life is his personal life. I still think he’s a great golfer. That’s all that matters.”

The next little tidbit comes Tuesday, when the tee times reveal who Woods will be playing with in the first two rounds Thursday and Friday.

Regardless, Woods already said he plans to tone down his temper—and his celebrations—out there.

In his last tournament, he flipped his driver to the turf after an errant tee shot, and the club bounced into and over the gallery. Woods retrieved the club without concern or apology.

“I’m actually going to try and obviously not get as hot when I play,” he said. “But then again, when I’m not as hot, I’m not going to be as exuberant, either. I can’t play one without the other, and so I made a conscious decision to try and tone down my negative outbursts. And consequently, I’m sure my positive outbursts will be calmed down, as well.”

He was calm Monday. He had a scraggly goatee—a look he has sported occasionally during his career, but rarely at a major.

Woods walked into his news conference wearing a smile and hugged Ronald Townsend, the first black member at Augusta National.

But he was not comfortable at the start.

He swallowed hard to steady his voice and meant to open his comments by noting he had played his practice round with Fred Couples. But instead he said “Craig”—confusing Couples with Craig Heatley, the Masters media chairman running the press conference.

And as he has done in statements on his Web site, a public apology at PGA Tour headquarters Feb. 19 and a pair of five-minute TV interviews two weeks ago, Woods owned up to his mistakes.

Not everyone was satisfied.

Even as he spoke, adult film star Joslyn James—one of more than a dozen women who claimed to have had an affair with Woods, invited the media to watch the news conference in New York with her and attorney Gloria Allred.

She shook her head disapprovingly several times.

“I think he’s still a big, fat liar,” James said.

NBA BRIEFS

Arenas must report to jail on way to halfway house

WASHINGTON (AP)—Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas avoided a jail sentence, but he’ll still have to spend two days behind bars. Arenas was sentenced last month to 30 days in a halfway house for taking guns into the Wizards locker room. The head of corrections for Montgomery County, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, says the three-time NBA All-Star will serve his sentence at the county’s Pre-Release Center. Arthur Wallenstein says people assigned to the halfway house as part of their probation must first report to the county jail for medical screening and classification. In addition, Wallenstein says the department wants them “to see a jail and understand what they have avoided.” Wallenstein wouldn’t say when Arenas has to report, citing security concerns.

Lakers’ Jackson fined \$35,000 for criticizing refs

NEW YORK (AP)—Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson has been fined \$35,000 for criticizing game officials. The NBA announced the discipline on Monday. Jackson was fined for comments he made after the Lakers’ 100-81 loss to the San Antonio Spurs on Sunday at the Staples Center.

Bogut set for surgery, Bucks push toward playoffs



MILWAUKEE (AP)—Before an ugly injury to center Andrew Bogut, the Milwaukee Bucks were regarded as a potentially dangerous first-round playoff opponent. Fans adopted “fear the deer” as their rallying cry, and the Bucks had knocked off several of the NBA’s top teams in recent weeks.

Now instead of patrolling the paint for Milwaukee, Bogut will be recovering from multiple injuries and surgery while his teammates continue their playoff push without him.

Milwaukee can clinch a playoff berth with a win at Chicago on Tuesday, but these deer suddenly don’t seem as fierce.

“Nobody wants to see another team’s player get hurt, especially in that kind of dramatic fashion like it happened,” Bucks coach Scott Skiles said Monday. “Yet at the same time, there could be some teams saying, ‘Man, I’m glad we don’t have to play Bogut tonight.’”

It’s part of it. Our guys all understand it. There isn’t going to be anybody in Chicago shedding a tear for us that Andrew’s not playing tomorrow night.”

Bogut was scheduled to have surgery Monday, two days after he broke his right hand, sprained his wrist and dislocated his elbow in an arm-wrenching crash to the court during Saturday’s victory over Phoenix.

The team had not yet officially ruled Bogut out for the season as of Monday afternoon, but a recovery in time for the playoffs seemed unlikely. Bogut was having a breakout season before the injury, averaging 15.9 points, 10.2 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game.

“It’s really disappointing for Andrew,” said veteran Jerry Stackhouse, a midseason acquisition for the Bucks. “I think he’s worked really hard to put this team in position to be in the playoffs, and be where we are right now. No way we’d be anywhere close to it without

him. Just disappointing he doesn’t get an opportunity to taste it a little bit.”

In one sense, the Bucks are right back where they were a year ago—playing without a pair of cornerstone players, Bogut and Michael Redd, because of injuries.

But they’re a better team with more to play for this time around. Milwaukee currently is sixth in the Eastern Conference and would clinch its first playoff berth since the 2005-06 season by beating the Bulls.

Skiles successfully guided the team through yet another season-ending knee injury to Redd back in January. But the injury to Bogut comes with only six games left in the regular season.

“You’d like a little more time to kind of tinker with things, and we don’t have that,” Skiles said. “It’s just the nature of what it is. Obviously, each guy’s got to do a little bit more.”

Veteran forward Kurt Thomas is ex-

pected to start Tuesday. Thomas, who is in his 15th NBA season, knows he’ll have to change his approach to playing defense as a starter.

“Coming off the bench, I don’t really have to worry about foul trouble,” Thomas said. “I can just go out there and hack and just do what I do best. But being in the starting lineup, I’ve definitely got to try not to get in early foul trouble.”

The Bucks do have more size on their bench in 6-foot-10 Ersan Ilyasova and 6-11 Dan Gadzuric, but neither can be expected to provide Bogut’s physical presence. Primoz Brezec, a 7-1 center who has played sparingly since coming to the Bucks in a trade with Philadelphia in February, also could figure more prominently.

Mostly, the Bucks will rely on each of their more established players to do more.

“We’ll just have to do it as a committee now,” John Salmons said.

Halladay off to strong NL start, Phillies win



WASHINGTON

(AP)—Placido Polanco hit a grand slam, Ryan Howard also homered, and Roy Halladay struck out nine batters over seven innings in his National League debut as the Phillies opened the season Monday with an 11-1 rout of the Washington Nationals.

The centerpiece of the Phillies' drive for a third straight World Series appearance, Halladay (1-0) allowed one run and six hits and settled down to dominate after the Nationals scored in the first. Ivan Rodriguez doubled to lead off the second, but Halladay then faced the minimum number of batters—with help from a pair of double plays—until the seventh, when he worked out of a two-on, one-out jam.

Cardinals 11, Reds 6

At Cincinnati, Albert Pujols went 4 for 5 and hit two of a team-record four homers as St. Louis downed Cincinnati on opening day Monday.

Yadier Molina completed the Cardinals' first four-homer opening game with a grand slam in the ninth. Only two other Cardinals have hit slams in season openers—Scott Rolen and Mark McGwire.

McGwire has returned to baseball as the Cardinals' batting instructor this season, acknowledging that he used steroids when he broke the home run record in 1998.

On his second swing of the season, Pujols drove a 2-2 pitch from Aaron Harang (0-1) into the Reds' bullpen area in left-center.

Joey Votto and Rolen hit solo homers in the fourth.

Rockies 5, Brewers 3

At Milwaukee, Ubaldo Jimenez stayed out of big trouble with his fastball and Ian Stewart homered on his birthday.

Jimenez gave up a run and struck out six in six innings. The Rockies won the matchup between the last two NL wild-card teams.

The 26-year-old Jimenez (1-0) became the first Rockies starter to win on opening day in six years.

Stewart, celebrating his 25th birthday, hit a solo homer off Yovani Gallardo (0-1). Carlos Gomez also homered in his Milwaukee debut.

Pirates 11, Dodgers 5

At Pittsburgh, Garrett Jones homered in his first two at-bats, and pinch-hitter Ryan Church doubled home three runs as Pittsburgh started the new season the way it wound down 2009 by downing



Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay delivers a fourth inning pitch against the Washington Nationals during an opening day baseball game on Monday, April 5, 2010 in Washington. AP

Los Angeles.

The Pirates, coming off a record-setting 17th consecutive losing season, won on opening day for the fourth season in a row as Ryan Doumit added a three-run homer in the eighth off reliever George Sherrill. Doumit also doubled and scored twice.

Vicente Padilla (0-1) gave up seven runs and six hits in 4 1-3 innings for his first loss with Los Angeles.

Mets 7, Marlins 1

At New York, David Wright hit a two-run homer and Johan Santana pitched six effective innings as the New York Mets finally got the better of Florida's Josh Johnson.

Newcomers Jason Bay, Rod Barajas and Gary Matthews Jr. each got two hits for New York, which improved to a major league-best 32-17 (.653) on opening day.

Manager Jerry Manuel also got three scoreless innings from his beleaguered bullpen, which he said was his biggest concern entering the season.

Johnson allowed four runs and five hits over five-plus innings in his first opening-day start, dropping to 7-1 with a 2.69 ERA in 10 career starts against New York.

Braves 16, Cubs 5

At Atlanta, Jason Heyward hit a three-run homer in his first major league game not long after catching the ceremonial first pitch from Hank Aaron.

Heyward, who had a run-scoring

single in the eighth, was 2-for-5 with four RBIs.

Yunel Escobar drove in a career-high five runs as Zambrano gave up eight runs in 1 1-3 innings, matching the shortest of 239 career starts.

Giants 5, Astros 2

At Houston, Tim Lincecum pitched seven scoreless innings as San Francisco beat Roy Oswalt and Houston.

Lincecum (1-0) allowed four hits and struck out seven with no walks to shut down a Houston offense that started the season with star slugger Lance Berkman on the disabled list.

The Giants got a boost from new left fielder Mark DeRosa, who scored in San Francisco's three-run second inning and added a solo homer in the eighth.

Oswalt (0-1) allowed seven hits and three runs in six innings as he extended his team record to eight straight opening day starts.

Diamondbacks 6, Padres 3

At Phoenix, Stephen Drew hit an inside-the-park home run as Arizona pitcher Dan Haren held San Diego to three hits in seven innings.

For the second year in a row, someone hit an inside-the-park homer on opening day—former Diamondbacks player Emilio Bonifacio did it for the Florida Marlins last year, which was the first one after 41 years.

Mark Reynolds hit a two-run homer, the only earned runs among the

six given up by San Diego starter Jon Garland (0-1).

Adrian Gonzalez and Kyle Blanks hit consecutive two-out homers off Bob Howry in the ninth for San Diego.

Rangers 5, Blue Jays 4

At Arlington, Texas, Shaun Marcum didn't give up a hit into the seventh inning for Toronto before the Texas Rangers rallied for a win on opening day thanks to a Jarrod Saltalamacchia RBI single in the bottom of the ninth.

Texas scored twice in the ninth off Blue Jays closer Jason Frasor (0-1).

Michael Young, the longest-tenured Texas player in his 10th season, had a leadoff double before Josh Hamilton took a called third strike. Vladimir Guerrero then had an infield single, though second baseman Aaron Hill made a diving stab deep behind the base to keep the tying run from scoring.

But Nelson Cruz hit an RBI double down the right-field line and Chris Davis was intentionally walked to load the bases. Saltalamacchia's flyball to right-center was well out of reach for the drawn-in outfield.

White Sox 6, Indians 0

At Chicago, Mark Buehrle allowed three hits over seven innings and Paul Konerko got his 12th season in Chicago off to a good start with a two-run homer in the first inning.

Buehrle simply shut down the Indians, spoiling Cleveland manager Manny Acta's debut and Jake Westbrook's

first start in nearly two years.

Alex Rios added a solo homer off Tony Sipp in the eighth and ended the game with a diving catch on Travis Hafner's line drive to center.

Buehrle, starting his club-record eighth opener, looked more like the four-time All-Star he is than the guy who won just twice after his perfect game against Tampa Bay on July 23.

Tigers 8, Royals 4

At Kansas City, Missouri, Johnny Damon and Brandon Inge drove in two runs each in a six-run seventh inning against Kansas City's shaky bullpen.

Earlier on the wind-swept opening day, Yuniesky Betancourt's two-run home run and Billy Butler's bases-loaded single staked Cy Young Award winner Zack Greinke to a 4-2 lead over Justin Verlander in a duel between two of baseball's premier starters.

Greinke departed after allowing six hits and one earned run through six innings.

Robinson Tejeda (0-1) got just one out and allowed three runs. Joel Zumaya (1-0) went one inning and a batter, throwing 12 pitches.

Angels 6, Twins 3

At Anaheim, California, Hideki Matsui drove in the go-ahead run in the fifth inning and added an eighth-inning homer in his dynamic Angels debut, and Jered Weaver pitched six strong innings to help Los Angeles beat Minnesota.

Jeff Mathis and Kendry Morales also homered as the Angels opened their 50th season and their run at a fourth straight American League West title with their sixth victory in the last seven openers.

Delmon Young hit a two-run homer as the Twins opened chase of their sixth division title in nine seasons with an unimpressive effort from Scott Baker (0-1).

Mariners 5, Athletics 3

At Oakland, California, Casey Kotchman hit a go-ahead, two-run single with two outs in the ninth inning to go along with two earlier RBIs in an impressive Seattle debut, lifting the Mariners over Oakland.

Kotchman hit an RBI double in the first and a third-inning sacrifice fly that staked ace Felix Hernandez to a 3-0 lead that Seattle couldn't keep.

Brandon League (1-0) pitched the eighth for the win and David Aardsma finished with a 1-2-3 ninth for his first save.

Brad Ziegler (0-1) took the loss.

Chone Figgins—Seattle's speedy new No. 2 hitter—stole two bases and scored twice.

NEW YORK (AP)—Opening-day baseball salaries grew despite the recession, although at a slower rate than in recent years.

The average salary went up 1.8 percent to \$3.3 million at the start of season, according to an analysis of rosters by The Associated Press. The increase was the lowest since a 2.7 percent drop in 2004 and down from a 2.7 rise at the start of last season.

"Revenues are flat, and salaries are virtually flat," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said Monday.

Baseball's average attendance dropped 6.7 percent last season as the economic downturn caused some fans to stay away from ballparks. Teams tried to hold down salaries as best they

Analysis: MLB salaries climb slightly

could during the offseason but the pressure to fill needs and multiyear contracts that already were in place led to the small rise in average pay.

Seventeen teams raised payrolls, including the World Series champion Yankees who led at \$206 million—nearly six times what Pittsburgh spent. The Boston Red Sox had the biggest rise, jumping \$40 million to second at \$162 million.

Minnesota, moving into new Target Field, went up \$32 million to \$97 million. NL champion Philadelphia rose \$28 million to fourth at nearly \$142 million, about \$4 million behind the Chicago Cubs under new owner Tom

Ricketts.

"We've always said we're overpaid. There's no way Billy Wagner should ever be paid \$7 million. I mean, we're playing baseball, for God's sake," Atlanta Braves reliever Billy Wagner said. "It's hard to look at your father, who's making \$50,000, who has a chance to lose his job, and say, 'Yeah, I deserve this.'"

"But if owners are crazy enough to pay you, what are you going to do? Turn it down?"

Among the big cutters compared with the start of the 2009 season were Cleveland (down \$20 million to \$61 million); Toronto (down \$18 million

to about \$63 million); and Pittsburgh (down \$14 million to a major league-low \$35 million).

The Los Angeles Dodgers, whose owners are divorcing each other, dropped nearly \$6 million to about \$95 million.

Florida, as it promised in agreement with the commissioner's office and the players' association, raised payroll substantially, from a league low of about \$37 million at the start of last season to \$55 million.

Given that unemployment is high and some fans are struggling, players were thankful salaries went up.

"It means fans are coming to games.

It means the union's doing a good job for us," Texas Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton said. "The ballpark's a good place for people to unwind. They can forget about their problems for a few hours. It's a great stress relief."

The Yankees held the top four individual salary slots, led by Alex Rodriguez at \$33 million. He was the highest-paid player in the majors for the 10th straight year and makes just \$1.9 million less than the Pirates' entire roster. CC Sabathia is next at \$24.3 million, followed by Derek Jeter (\$22.6 million) and Mark Teixeira (\$20.6 million).

Mets pitcher Johan Santana was fifth at \$20.1 million, and Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera sixth at \$20 million.

DUKE

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ed fourth national title back home to Carolina and the Cameron Crazies.

The “Big Three”—Singler, Jon Scheyer (15 points) and Nolan Smith (13)—won the Big One for coach Mike Krzyzewski, his first championship since 2001 and the fourth overall, tying Coach K with Adolph Rupp for second place on the all-time list.

“First of all, it was a great basketball game. I want to congratulate an amazing Butler team and their fans,” Krzyzewski said. “Fabulous year. We played a great game, they played a great game. It’s hard for me to say it, to imagine that we’re the national champions.”

Nobody figured this would be easy, and it wasn’t—no way that was going to happen against Butler, the 4,200-student private school that turned the tournament upside down and drove 5.6 miles from its historic home, Hinkle Fieldhouse, to the Final Four.

Butler (33-5) shaved a five-point deficit to one and had a chance to win it, when its best player, Hayward, took the ball at the top of the key, spun and worked his way to the baseline, but was forced to put up an off-

balance fadeaway from 15 feet.

He missed, Zoubek got the rebound and made the first of two free throws. He missed the second one intentionally, and Duke’s title wasn’t secure until Hayward’s desperation heave bounded out.

“I can’t really put it into words because the last couple of plays were just not normal,” said Singler, the Final Four’s most outstanding player.

What a game to end one of the most memorable tournaments in history, filled with close games, upsets and underdogs; the kind of tournament that some fear could be history if the NCAA goes ahead with what an expansion to 96 teams—something very much on the table for next year.

It was the closest margin of victory since Michigan defeated Seton Hall 80-79 in 1989.

“Both teams and all the kids on both teams played their hearts out,” Krzyzewski said. “There was never more than a couple, a few points separating, so a lot of kids made big plays for both teams.”

Nobody led by more than six. Playing against the Bulldogs and working against a crowd of 70,930 with very few pockets of Duke fans, the Blue Devils persevered—never leading by more than six but never falling behind

after Singler hit a 3-pointer with 13:03 left for a 47-43 lead.

The Blue Devils won with defense. They held the Bulldogs to 34 percent shooting and contested every possession as tenaciously as Butler, which allowed 60 points for the first time since February. Zoubek, the 7-foot-1 center, finished with two blocks, 10 rebounds and too many altered shots to count. He also came out to trap the Butler guards and disrupt an offense that was already struggling.

They won with some clutch shooting, including Singler’s 3-for-6 effort from 3-point range and 6 of 6 from the free throw line in the second half until Zoubek’s intentional miss.

They won with a mean streak, most pointed when Lance Thomas took down Hayward hard to prevent an easy layup with 5:07 left. The refs reviewed the play and decided not to call it flagrant—one of a hundred little moments that could have swung such a tight, taut game.

“They weren’t going to go away,” Singler said. “We needed every last minute of that game to get this win. It was a great game.”

In the true team fashion that has defined “The Butler Way,” the Bulldog scoring was distributed almost perfectly even.

Hayward and Shelvin Mack had 12 each. Matt Howard, coming off a concussion in the semifinal win over Michigan State, finished with 11, and 2-point-a-game scorer Avery Jukes kept Butler in it with all 10 of his points in the first half.

But Butler’s 33-year-old coach, Stevens, was correct when he said his team couldn’t endure another 15-for-49 shooting night—what Butler shot Saturday in the semifinals. The Bulldogs went 20 for 58 this time—34.5 percent. All the heart in the world couldn’t overcome that.

“I said yesterday that when you coach these guys, you can be at peace with whatever result you achieve from a won-loss standpoint because of what they gave—they gave everything we had,” Stevens said. “There’s certainly nothing to hang your head about. I told them in there, what they’ve done, what they did together, will last longer than one night, regardless of the outcome.”

A disappointing ending to those who wanted to see the “Hoosiers” sequel play out in real life. In that movie, based on the high school championship won by tiny Milan High in 1954, Jimmy Chitwood hits the game-winner at the buzzer to win one for the little guys.

Thankfully, that movie is still available on DVD.

This one, or some version of it, might be too, someday.

Because despite losing, Butler may have proven its point nonetheless.

Teams with mega-money from power conferences aren’t the only ones that win in big-time college sports. Nothing proves that better than the NCAA tournament—March Madness, a great event that stayed great into April this year. Never better for Duke, which won a different way this season.

There were no superstars, just a bunch of solid players who may end up in the NBA—not with lottery-pick money in their pockets, but with a national title forever.

That’s always the goal in Krzyzewski’s program, and the fact that the Blue Devils hadn’t been to the Final Four since 2004 didn’t go unnoticed down on Tobacco Road, especially while North Carolina was winning two championships over that span.

But while last year’s champions, the Tar Heels, rebuild, Duke is the 2010 standard-setter.

Everyone thought the perfect ending would be for Butler to win in its hometown, but the Blue Devils also like Indy—it’s the place where they won their first championship, with Chris-

With less than 5 minutes left and the Blue Devils leading by one, the ball was inbounded to Scheyer. He swung it to Smith, who found Singler cutting to the wing and passed to the junior sharpshooter. His jumper swished through to make it 58-55 with 4:46 left.

That wound up being the final field goal of the season for the Blue Devils, whose only three points the rest of the way came on free throws.

“It really wasn’t about me shooting the ball,” Singler said. “It’s about the team, and we needed everyone in these last two games to get where we are right now.”

COACH

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guys were doing. It’s much better. Like for me to think about being with them now is much better than thinking about the fourth national championship.”

And Jon Scheyer, Kyle Singler and Nolan Smith simply wouldn’t be denied their first title and the first one for the school since 2001. Once again, the three stars did most of the heavy lifting—though they needed some timely help from the biggest player on the roster. “People have said we don’t

have the first-team All-Americans, this and that, but we have guys who do all the little things,” Smith said. “We work so well together, and this team has done whatever it takes to get wins. We did that today.”

Singler scored 19 points, Scheyer added 15 and Smith 13. All three made the all-tournament team, and Singler was selected the most outstanding player at the Final Four.

But title No. 4 wasn’t secure until 7-foot-1 center Brian Zoubek got a hand in Gordon Hayward’s face on a missed shot with 7 seconds left, hit a free throw with 3.6 seconds to

go and—after missing the second one on purpose—held his breath as Hayward’s half-court heave at the buzzer clipped off the glass and the rim.

Once the Blue Devils exhaled, they were on top again.

“I told the team right after the game when we were in the locker room I said you were good. I said you were really good. Then I said you were really good and had great character,” Krzyzewski said at the trophy presentation early Tuesday morning at the team’s hotel. “I was running out of things to say because I always wanted a carrot out in front of them. What you have before you is a great

basketball team.”

And there’s no doubting that the “Big Three” made it all possible.

They had to.

The Blue Devils (35-5) relied on them so heavily all season that there were moments during the championship game when it seemed they might crumble under the weight of their teammates.

The Singler-Scheyer-Smith trio, the nation’s most productive threesome, entered averaging 53.4 points per game and had scored 69 percent of the Blue Devils’ points this season.

So it was no surprise that Duke went to them down the stretch.

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Bulldogs reminded everyone that heart, not size or status, is what matters most.

As Gordon Hayward’s desperation 3-pointer clanged off the rim and confetti began dropping from the ceiling, Matt Howard collapsed at halfcourt and covered his face in his hands, coming so agonizingly close two days after being knocked loopy against Michigan State.

It wasn’t quite the “Hoosiers” sequel that almost the entire crowd of 70,930—not to mention all those new Butler fans around the country—had hoped for. But Butler’s run will be one for the ages.

“I said yesterday that when you coach these guys, you can be at peace with whatever result you achieve from a won-loss standpoint because of what they gave—they gave everything we had,” Butler coach Brad Stevens said. “There’s certainly nothing

to hang your head about.

“I told them in there, what they’ve done, what they did together, will last longer than one night,” Stevens said, “regardless of the outcome.”

College athletics have become almost sterile, as much big business as game. Most teams that get this far in the tournament are from major universities, with facilities that would make NBA teams drool and budgets that dwarf the GNPs of some third-world countries.

But Butler puts the “old” in old school.

With 4,200 students, it was the smallest school to play for the title since the field was expanded to 64 in 1985 and fourth-smallest overall. Forget state-of-the-art facilities. The Bulldogs play in an 82-year-old gym, the barn-like Hinkle Fieldhouse. Practice there, too. At 6:30 a.m. There are no athletic dorms and, yes, those were some of the Butler players spotted in the classroom Monday morning.

“Butler will no longer be

what it has been, which has been pretty darn good,” Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. “And everything that’s good about Butler, which are so many things, will now have a chance to be seen in many areas, not just basketball.”

It’s the way they play that most charmed people, though. The Bulldogs call it “The Butler Way,” and it has nothing to do with Xs and Os, backdoor cuts or zone defense. It’s the next guy stepping up, everybody having each other’s back.

“Somebody that is a team-first person, that accepts responsibility, accountable for their actions,” Stevens said before the game when asked to define it. “I think those are all things that lend to a successful program.”

Almost got the Bulldogs (33-5) a national title, too.

With Hayward, Butler’s best pro prospect, Willie Veasley and Howard all struggling early, Avery Jukes carried the Bulldogs in the first 20 minutes. Jukes, better known before the game

tian Laettner at the helm, back in 1991.

It’s also the city where Smith’s late father, Derek Smith, led Louisville to a championship in 1980.

Some pretty nice symmetry there. Some might call that a Hollywood ending, too.

“I can’t explain how happy I am,” Smith said. “Like father, like son. This is so special to me right now.”

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Baltimore	0	0	.000	1/2
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000	1/2
New York	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

Central Division				
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1

West Division				
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Texas	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Oakland	0	1	.000	1

East Division				
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—
New York	1	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	—
Florida	0	1	.000	1
Washington	0	1	.000	1

Central Division				
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	—
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1
Houston	0	1	.000	1
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

West Division				
Arizona	1	0	1.000	—
Colorado	1	0	1.000	—
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	0	1	.000	1
San Diego	0	1	.000	1

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Bank of Guam	3 4
McGraw-Hill	3 5
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Docomo/SGH	0 8
Hard Rock	0 8
Cell Pro	0 10

BUDWEISER SOFTBALL STANDINGS	
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TBK streaks to fifth straight win; Fiesta ends skid

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TBK Auto Care is still hot, cruising to its fifth straight win after a 92-78 demolition of Cellular

Pro during the first game in the 2nd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League on Monday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

The 14-point winning margin improved TBK's record to 7-3 for a share of third place in the team standings with Mobil Oil. Cellular Pro remained at the cellar with its 0-10 slate.

Cellular Pro kept TBK at bay only in the first period, as the latter led by only four, 20-16. Then in the second quarter, it was all TBK show with Christian De Vero and Jun Pantaleon combining for 17 points to give the team a 49-32 half-time lead.

TBK kept the double-digit advantage in the second half and with a comfortable lead midway in the fourth quarter, it had the luxury of fielding its second and third stringers in the game.

At the end of the match, TBK had five players finishing in double figures and five more making it to the scoreboard. De Vero and Pantaleon led TBK with 19 markers apiece, Mel Capalad added 14, Mark Castro chipped in 13, and Kae Bernardo contributed 12.

In the second game, Fiesta Resort & Spa snapped its three-game losing skid with an 80-69 triumph against McGraw-Hill.

The victory was the sixth in 10 games for Fiesta, which always found ways to foil McGraw-Hill's repeated comeback bids to hand the latter its fifth loss in eight games.

Fiesta engaged McGraw-Hill in a close fight in the first half before the former tried to pull away in the third quarter. Fiesta led by as much as 14, 52-38, before it let its guard down and committed errors against McGraw-Hill's backcourt pressure defense. By the end of the third period, Fiesta's lead was down to eight, 58-50.

McGraw-Hill moved within five in the early goings of the fourth quarter, 54-59, but Rommel Usi hit a rally-halting floater to widen the gap. Fiesta was protecting an 11-point lead, 72-61, when it started to rain, prompting



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Fiesta Resort & Spa's Edal Carino escapes the defense of McGraw-Hill's Lawrence Buniag for a layup during their game in the Shirley's caging on Monday at the JP Center Basketball Court. Carino was named Best Player of the Game after scoring 20 points and lifting Fiesta to an 80-69 win.

league officials to stop the game temporarily with 3:21 left in the fourth.

After more than 20 minutes, the game resumed and Fiesta allowed McGraw-Hill to score only a field goal in the first two minutes to keep the win.

Elmer Esdreton had his usual contribution to Fiesta, canning 22 points, making 18 of them from downtown. Edal Carino added 20, drilling 10 of them in the second quarter to turn a 17-21 deficit to a 40-35 lead at the break. Usi and John March Ong also finished in double figures with 12 and

10 points, respectively.

Peter Mendiola tallied 22 markers for McGraw-Hill, which tried to use a running game against Fiesta, but the ploy backfired, as the eventual losing team either committed errors or failed to make the fastbreak layups.

Walter Mendez was only the other double-figure scorer for McGraw-Hill, chipping in 13 markers, but most of them came in the first quarter. He was scoreless in the second quarter and had only one field goal each in the third and fourth periods.

weekends when the Oleai Sports Complex hosts baseball, basketball, and soccer games and even track qualifiers and Frisbee scrimmage.

"Last week, we really had a lot of people at the complex with Japanese players playing against our high school teams while there were baseball games both at the Tan Ge and Tan Ko ballfields and the Micro Games trials at the track," Lizama said.

Lizama had only two other staff—Mario Sablan and Joe Mettao—helping him clean the restrooms yesterday.

"We will do our best to keep the facility clean, but we also need the public's cooperation," Lizama added.

A few years ago, a cleaning crew used to come to the Oleai Sports Complex three times a week. However, budget cuts prevented the hiring of services to clean the facilities.

Saipan Tribune e-mailed Depart-

ment of Community and Cultural Affairs secretary Melvin Faisao to ask if there's a plan to assign a maintenance crew for the Oleai Sports Complex, but he has yet to respond at press time.

Meanwhile, Lizama said repairs at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield were completed last weekend after four months.

He said the repairs, which include putting new fences at the ballfield and fixing the ground, started in December last year, but the project contractor—RTM—had to stop working for about a month to give way to a professional baseball team practicing at the "Tan Ko" ballfield.

"The LG Twins were here for about a month for their spring training so repairs had to be halted for a while. However, everything is okay now, the fence is complete and the grounds are safe for play," Lizama said.

First Game

TBK 92 – Pantaleon 19, De Vero 19, Capalad 14, M. Castro 13, Bernardo 12, Dungca 4, Sevilla 4, Laquian 2, C. Castro 2.

Cell Pro 78 – Hernandez 28, Rotap 14, Villanueva 12, Dulfio 12, Manuel 4, Mongami 4, G. Loste 2, Guevarra 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-16, 49-32, 72-48, 91-78.

Second Game

Fiesta 80 – Esdreton 22, Carino 20, Usi 12, J. Ong 10, de la Torre 9, Valdez 5, Galag 2.

McGraw-Hill 67 – Mendiola 22, Mendez 13, Diaz 9, Buniag 7, Hideo 4, Matson 4, Guerrero 4, Villagomez 2, Cabrera 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-21, 40-35, 58-50, 80-67.

Man Amigos whip Calikano

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Man Amigos needed only four and a half innings to down Calikano, 17-7, during their game in the Chamolinian Softball Association's 2009 Budweiser Slow-pitch Softball League on Monday night at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Shortstop Peter Sablan hit back-to-back homers to power Man Amigos to their 15th victory in 16 games. Sablan finished with six RBIs, as he blasted a one-run single in his first trip at bat for a perfect 3-for-3 stint at the plate.

Also going 3-for-3 was second baseman Jerry Ayuyu, who logged two doubles, two RBIs, and three runs.

D.J. Omar led Calikano's losing cause with his three RBIs. His three-run homer at the top of the first and Ben Cabrera's one-run single helped Calikano tie the game after one complete inning, 4-4.

Calikano then failed to score in the second inning, while Man Amigos answered with a seven-run bottom of the second behind Sablan's three-run round-tripper and J.J. Laniyo's solo homer to seize control of the match.

Island Rebels 13, Red Eye 1

Island Rebels also took a short route to

victory against Red Eye, winning after only five innings via a 10-run mercy rule, 13-1.

Island Rebels shut out Red Eye in the first four innings to nail an easy win. Red Eye's lone run in the game came at the bottom of the fifth inning on Bryce Sablan's single that drove Nacio Camacho home.

Earlier, Island Rebels turned a 6-0 lead to a 13-run advantage after scoring seven runs at the top of the fifth. Mac Celis, who was 0-for-2 in his previous trips at bat, recorded a three-run homer in the fifth inning while Roy Celis had a solo round-tripper in the same inning to lead Island Rebels' breakaway.

Go For Broke 9, Chura 8

In the first game, Go For Broke pulled off an upset over Chura, 9-8.

Go For Broke, which is at the bottom half of the team standings in the 21-team field, held the fifth-ranked Chura to one run in the first three innings to escape with a one-run win.

Chura finally found its mark in the fourth inning, scoring six runs, but Chura still led, 9-7. Chura went cold again in the last three innings, making only one run.

Third baseman Kelvin Sanchez went 2-for-3 at bat for Go For Broke and posted three RBIs.

Rick Rengiil wins Mother's Day qualifier



Rick Rengiil took the fourth spot in USS Peleliu Club's Mother's Day tournament with a perfect performance in the Easter Sunday qualifier.

Winners of Thursday and Sunday tournaments will face off on May 9 for the \$100 first prize. Second place is worth \$50. There will be in-house prizes and Pacific Amusement will be providing trophies for the top three. The qualifiers will be joined by the three players with the most points for second and third place finishes.

Rengiil moved to the top of the winner's bracket by defeating Erina Olkeriil, Ken Phillips, and Joe Kani. Phillips had sent Norman Tenorio to the loser's bracket, while Kani did the same to Leonard Sablan and Rose Phillips.

Tenorio eliminated Olkeriil and Rose Phillips, then fell to Watanabe.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Rick Rengiil in action in USS Peleliu Club's Mother's Day tournament qualifier held last Easter Sunday.

Watanabe steamrolled Saban, Ken Phillips, Tenorio, and Kani to gain the final against Rengiil.

Rengiil was too strong Sunday, but with his second runner-up in a qualifying tournament, Watanabe moved to the points lead for the three open slots. Mei Rengiil and Chester Cuen-

to currently hold the remaining spots.

Brian Nelvis, last Thursday's qualifier, won the USSP T-shirt showdown with Larry Briones. Briones and Rick Rengiil will meet before Thursday's qualifying tournament to compete for another T-shirt. Nolan Cultura has already qualified and won a T-shirt.

Sign-up for the Thursday and Sunday qualifiers begins at 7:30pm. They are double-elimination, following Billiard Congress of America rules.

For more information, call USSP owners Rose and Ken Phillips at 233-1984. (**USSP**)

'Help us keep restrooms, other facilities clean'

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Responding to a letter to the editor complaining about the dirty toilets at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, the Division of Sports and Recreation yesterday cleaned the restrooms at the back of the facility and inside the locker rooms.

Division of Sports and Recreation Joe Lizama offered no excuses about the condition of the restrooms. However, he said there is no regular maintenance crew in charge for cleaning the toilets and other facilities inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

"There is no one or no group in charge of cleaning the restrooms and toilets on a regular basis. With this, we are calling the public to cooperate with us and try to keep the restrooms and other facilities clean," Lizama said.

The restrooms are used often during

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Duke edges Butler to win title

Duke players celebrate with the championship trophy after their 61-59 win over Butler in the men's NCAA Final Four college basketball championship game Monday, April 5, 2010, in Indianapolis.

AP



BY EDDIE PELLIS
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INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The ball sailed from halfcourt with the buzzer sounding—bounced off the backboard, the rim, the floor. Most of the 70,000 fans on Butler's side let out

an "Ohhhhhh," and the Duke players piled onto forward Kyle Singler at center court. What a game! And what a way to end the season, even if America's favorite underdog came up a little short.

Duke beat Butler 61-59 for the national championship Monday night, a win that wasn't secure until after the buzzer sound-



ed—when Gordon Hayward's halfcourt, 3-point heave for the win barely missed to leave tiny Butler one cruel basket short of the Hollywood ending.

Singler scored 19 points and Brian Zoubek rebounded Hayward's miss with 3.6 seconds left—the first of two chances Butler had to win it—to end the over-

achieving underdog's try for a real-life "Hoosiers" sequel.

"We just came up a bounce short," Butler coach Brad Stevens said.

That bounce went in favor of the Blue Devils (35-5), who snapped Butler's 25-game winning streak and brought the long-awaited—

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A 4th title for Coach K, thanks to Duke's 'Big 3'

By JOEDY MCCREARY
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INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Mike Krzyzewski clipped the final piece of the net and gave it a kiss. Then he hoisted it skyward for all those Duke fans to savor.

After claiming the fourth of his national championships, Coach K showed he still knows how to celebrate a title.

With Duke's 61-59 victory over Butler on Monday night, Krzyzewski moved past Bob Knight and into a tie with Adolph Rupp for second place on the all-time list. But just as he has throughout the postseason, he kept the emphasis on a different number: No. 1—as in, the first championship for this current bunch of Blue Devils.

"You're asked more (about) this could be Duke's fourth national championship, and all that," Krzyzewski said. "We just shied away from talking about that at all or try to think about it, and try to immerse ourselves in what these

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AP

Duke's Kyle Singler, left, drives to the basket over Butler's Avery Jukes during the first half of the men's NCAA Final Four college basketball championship game Monday, April 5, 2010, in Indianapolis.

Butler's wonderful ride ends 1 win short

By NANCY ARMOUR
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INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—As the Butler Bulldogs walked out of the arena, still in their uniforms, the security guards lining the hallways applauded them.

"Great job," some called out.

"Way to go," others yelled.

No, life is never going to be quite the same for the little guys.

Butler may have lost to Duke 61-59 in the national title game Monday night. By hanging with Duke and making the Blue Devils work for every last bit of their fourth national title, though, the

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Butler's Gordon Hayward (20) shoots over Duke's Nolan Smith (2) during the final seconds of the men's NCAA Final Four college basketball championship game Monday, April 5, 2010, in Indianapolis.

AP

